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State sees over 1,300 dengue cases

BENGALURU

With a gradual increase in new COVID-19 infections, Karnataka is also witnessing a spurt in dengue cases. Till August 17, the State reported 4,738 dengue cases.

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Loan for farmers: Coop. Dept. orders probe

BENGALURU

The Cooperation Department has ordered a probe into allegations by BJP MLAs and Ministers about discrepancies in the release of loans in a few Assembly constituencies in Kolar, Chickballapur, and Tumakuru districts.

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Nadda drops Gadkari, brings in Yediyurappa in BJP rejig

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan too out

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

New additions: Bhupendra Yadav, Sarbananda Sonowal and B.S. Yediyurappa • PTI

BJP president J. P. Nadda on Wednesday effected a major organisational rejig of the parliamentary board, the highest decision-making authority in the party, and the central election committee that goes into candidate selections, a rejig that is significant more for the exclusions than inclusions.

Former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Sarbananda Sonowal are among those newly inducted.

Former BJP president and Roads and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has been dropped from the parliamentary board. So was Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Mr. Gadkari's exclusion is particularly significant as he is a former president of the party, and the other two former presidents – Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh continue to be members.

Another former president, L.K. Advani, was dropped from the board in 2014. The board in its previous form had five vacancies due to the passing away of leaders Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaraj, and Ananth Kumar and the election of M. Venkaiah Naidu as the Vice-President and appointment of Thawar Chand Gehlot as Karnataka Governor.

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MHA overrules Minister's tweet on providing flats to Rohingya

Denial comes after Puri announces shifting them to an apartment complex

SUHASINI HAIDAR
VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Hours after Minister for Urban Development Hardeep Singh Puri tweeted that all Rohingya migrants from Myanmar living in a camp in Delhi will be shifted to flats, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a strong denial.

The Ministry also said that it had issued orders that the shanty town where the Rohingya were now living in be designated a "detention centre", pending the deportation of all of the hundreds of people living there.

In his tweet on Wednesday morning, Mr. Puri called the plans to move the Rohingya to an apartment complex built for economically weaker sections (EWS), a "landmark decision" by the Narendra Modi government.

"In a landmark decision, all Rohingya refugees will be shifted to EWS flats in Bakkarwala area of Delhi. They will be provided basic amenities, UNHCR (UN High Commission for Refugees) IDs & round-the-clock Delhi Police protection," Mr. Puri tweeted, adding that India had always welcomed refugees.

Drawing the line: Children playing at the Rohingya settlement colony in Delhi's Kalindi Kunj on Wednesday. ■ R. V. MOORTHY

Stokes criticism

After a storm of criticism from groups such as the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), the Home Ministry denied any such plan had been cleared by the Centre, and also blamed the Delhi government for the proposal to move the Rohingya "illegal foreigners", indicating it was not responsible for the decision.

In its response, the MHA said it "has not given any directions to provide EWS flats to Rohingya at Bakkarwala in New Delhi". "The MHA has directed the government of Delhi to ensure that the Rohingya illegal foreigners will continue at the present location," referring to the shanty town in Delhi's Madanpur area where the Rohingya currently reside, adding that the "MHA has already taken up the matter of deportation of illegal foreigners with the country concerned through the Ministry of External Affairs [MEA]."

The MEA declined to comment on the issue.

Mr. Puri later tweeted that the MHA's position was "correct", but didn't explain or delete his previous tweets making the announcement at the time of going to press.

Directive to Delhi govt.

The Home Ministry also said that it had directed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of Delhi to declare the Madanpur Rohingya area a "detention centre" immediately, which it has not done so far.

In response, AAP's local MLA and spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj told *The Hindu* that declaring detention centres was the responsibility of the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), which is under the MHA. Adding to the confusion is the fact that the Rohingya camp is at present built on land donated by the Zakat Foundation of India, after a previous camp was destroyed in a fire.

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HC rules in favour of OPS in AIADMK power struggle

Orders *status quo* as on June 23 in setback for EPS

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S.
CHENNAI

Sigh of relief: O. Panneerselvam at Jayalalithaa's memorial in Chennai on Wednesday. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

In a sudden turn of fortunes, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami suffered a serious setback on Wednesday with the Madras High Court declaring as *void ab initio* (having no legal effect) the July 11 general council meeting.

Mr. Palaniswami had got himself elected as interim general secretary and the other leader O. Panneerselvam was expelled from the primary membership of the party at the meeting.

Justice G. Jayachandran ordered *status quo ante* as on June 23 and held that no executive council or general council meet be conducted henceforth without the consent of Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami in their capacities as coordinator and joint coordinator. The orders were passed on petitions filed by Mr. Panneerselvam and general council member P. Vairamuthu against the July 11 meet.

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Two killed, 15 injured as bus overturns

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two persons were killed and 15 others injured when an inter-State private bus overturned, allegedly due to rash and negligent driving, on National Highway 75 on the outskirts of Mulbagal on Wednesday.

The deceased have been identified as Shariff and his wife Maimunnissa from Vijayawada. The injured have been admitted to the Mulbagal government hospital for treatment.

The bus, belonging to a private company, was heading from Vijayawada to Bengaluru carrying 30 passengers. The driver and the conductor escaped soon after the accident.

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Russian crude has 'Ukrainian blood' in it, says Minister

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Ukraine expected "more practical support" from India as it fights Russia's military, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said on Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference that was held virtually, Mr. Kuleba argued that Ukraine has been a reliable partner of India but by purchasing crude oil from Russia, India is in effect buying Ukrainian blood. The strong remarks indicate a hardening of Ukrainian position as India continues to purchase Russia's Ural crude to stabilise energy supply for its economy.

"When India purchases Russian crude oil [at a discount], they have to understand that the discount has to be paid by Ukrainian blood. Every barrel of Russian crude that India gets, has a good portion of Ukrainian blood in it. We are friendly and open to India. I supported in evacuation of Indian students. We expected more practical support from India to Ukraine," Mr. Kuleba said in response to a question from *The Hindu*.

He referred to India and Ukraine as two democracies that have essential similarities and that "two democracies have to stand by each other".

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GST returns

28 In percentage, the rise in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection touching the second-highest level of ₹1.49 lakh crore in July on the back of economic recovery and steps taken to curb tax evasion, the Government said. GST collection stood at ₹1,16,393 crore in the same month a year ago. GST, introduced in July 2017, touched a record high of ₹1.68 lakh crore in April 2022. This is the sixth time that the monthly GST collection crossed the ₹1.40-lakh-crore mark since the inception of GST, the Ministry said in a statement. PTI

5G spectrum auction

1.5 In ₹ lakh crore, the worth of the 5G telecom spectrum sold in a seven-day auction that ended on Monday. The mop-up from the 5G spectrum, capable of offering ultra-high speed mobile Internet connectivity, is almost double at ₹77,815 crore worth 4G airwaves sold last year. Reliance Jio was the top bidder for the airwaves capable of offering speeds about 10 times faster than 4G and enable billions of connected devices to share data in real-time. It was followed by Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd. PTI

ITRs filed

5.83 In crore, the number of Income Tax Returns (ITR) received by the Income Tax Department, by the end of the FY22 filing season. The latest numbers are about the same as FY21. The due date for filing of ITRs by salaried class and individual category taxpayers, who do not have to get their accounts audited for the fiscal ending March 31, 2022, was July 31. A late fee of ₹5,000 would be payable by those (with an annual income of over ₹5 lakh) who file their ITR by December 31 of the assessment year 2022-23. PTI

Power consumption

128.38 In billion units (BU), India's power consumption in July 2022, rising by 3.8% amid widespread rains in the country, according to the data of Power Ministry. Power consumption in July 2021 was recorded at 123.72 BU while it was 112.14 BU in July 2020. However, the peak power demand met, which is the highest supply in a day, during the month of July dipped to 190 GW. The peak power supply stood at 200 GW in July 2021 and 170 GW in July 2020. PTI

Rojgar Andolan

200 The number of student bodies, trade unions, teachers' associations and intellectuals to gather at Jantar Mantar on August 16 as part of the week-long '*Rojgar Andolan*' to demand a national employment policy in India. The *Rojgar Andolan* will be organised under the banner of the Sanyukta Rojgar Andolan Samiti (SRAS) and continue till August 22. The step comes after "no response" from the Prime Minister's Office about the implementation of the National Employment Policy, a draft given to PMO on December 20, 2021. PTI

EXPLAINER

What is causing Arctic warming?

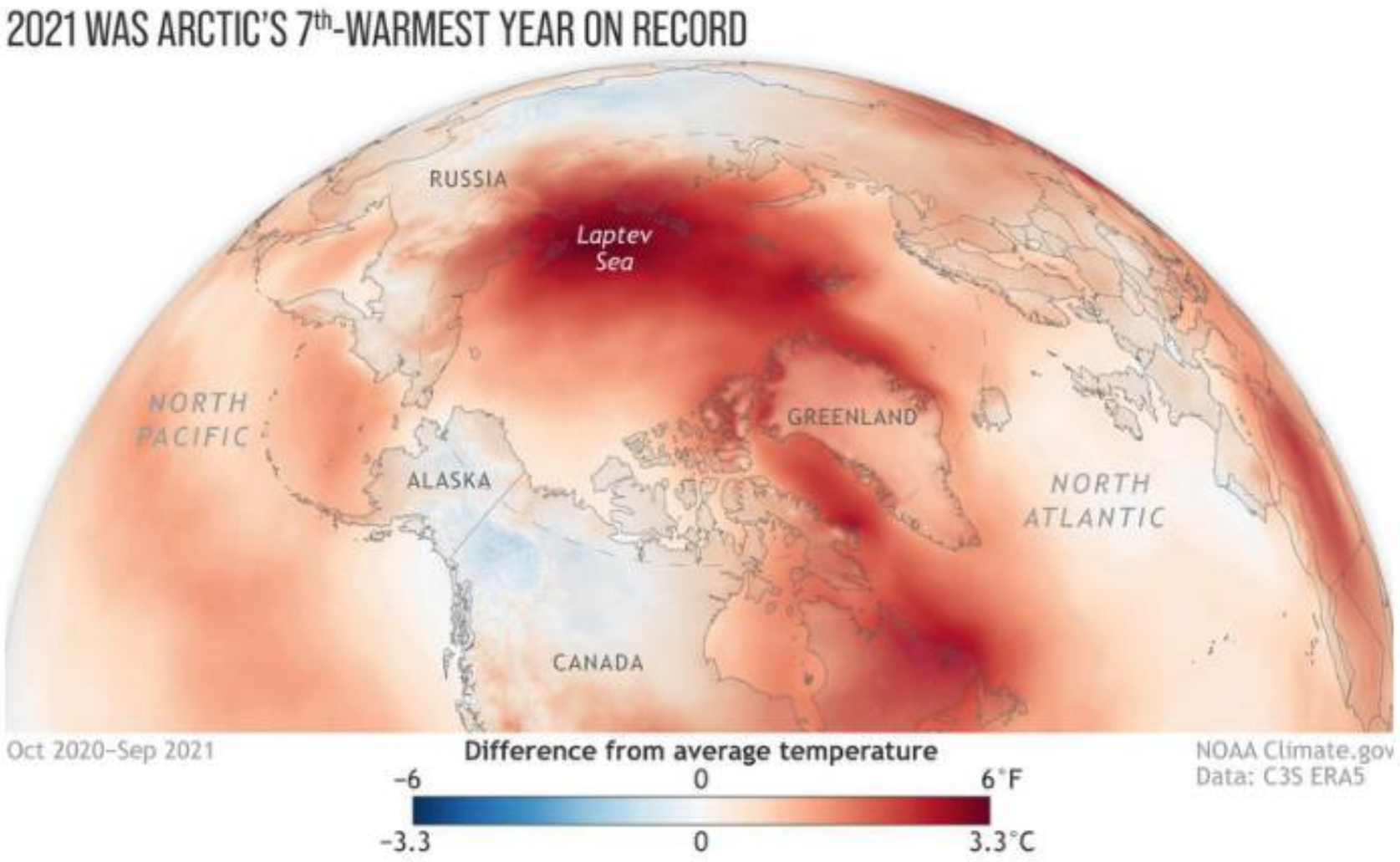
Why is the Greenland ice sheet melting at an alarming rate? How is it affecting the monsoons?

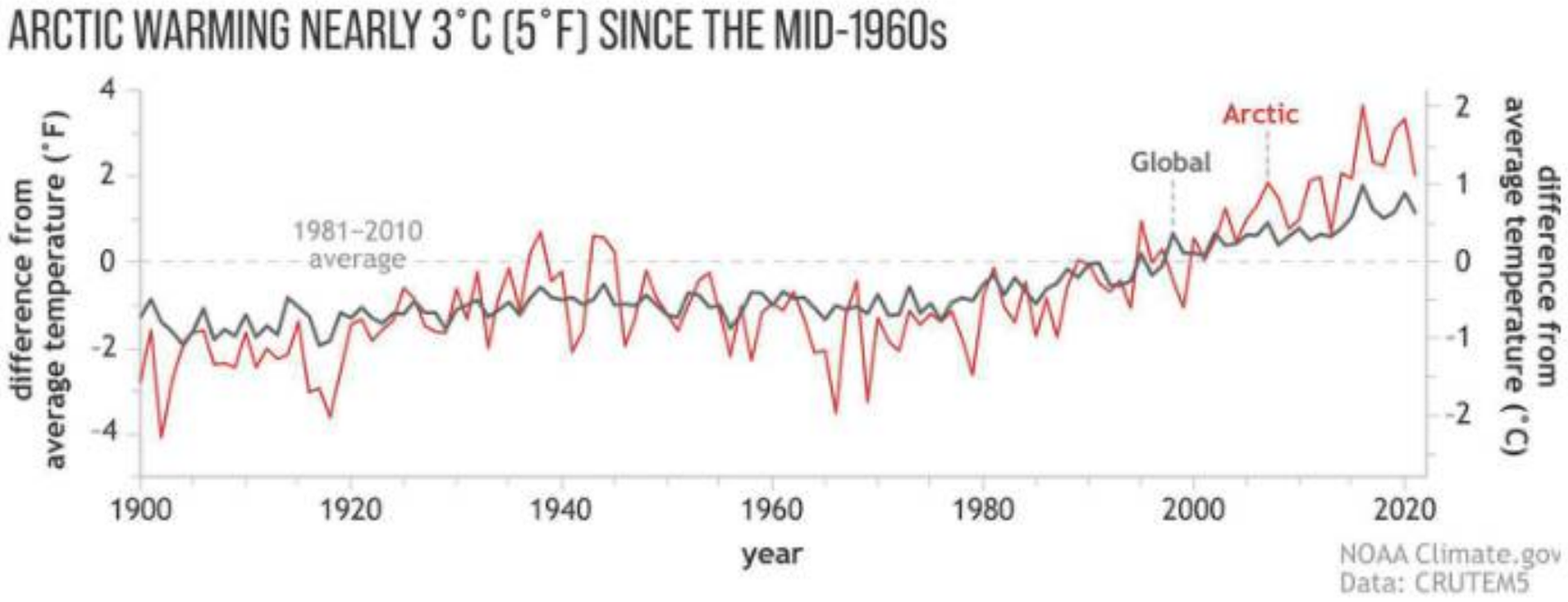
THE GIST

- Due to global warming, any change in the surface air temperature and the net radiation balance tends to produce larger changes at the north and south poles. These changes are more pronounced at the northern latitudes and are known as the Arctic amplification
- In May 2021, the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme had warned that the Arctic has warmed three times quicker than the planet
- For several years, the Greenland ice sheet has been melting at an alarming rate. Between July 15 and 17, 2022, the Greenland ice sheet saw a sharp spike in the rate and extent of melting
- A study by a group of Indian and Norwegian scientists have found that the reduced sea ice in the Barents-Kara sea region can lead to extreme rainfall events in the latter half of the monsoons, in September and October

RASHMI RAMESH

The story so far: On August 11, Finnish Meteorological Institute researchers published their study in the *Communications Earth & Environment* journal, concluding that the Arctic is heating four times faster than the rest of the planet. The warming is more concentrated in the Eurasian part of the Arctic, where the Barents Sea north of Russia and Norway is warming at an alarming rate – seven times faster than the global average. Other studies in 2021 (the American Geophysical Union) and in 2022 (*Geophysical Research Letters*) indicate that the Arctic amplification is four times the global rate. While earlier studies have proved that the Arctic is warming two or three times faster, recent studies show that the region is fast changing and that the best of climate models may not be able to capture the rate of changes and predict it accurately.





What is Arctic amplification? What causes it?

Global warming, the long-term heating of the earth's surface, hastened due to anthropogenic forces or human activities since pre-industrial times and has increased the planet's average temperature by 1.1 degrees Celsius. While changes are witnessed across the planet, any change in the surface air temperature and the net radiation balance tend to produce larger changes at the north and south poles. This phenomenon is known as polar amplification; these changes are more pronounced at the northern latitudes and are known as the Arctic amplification.

Among the many global warming-driven causes for this amplification, the ice-albedo feedback, lapse rate feedback, water vapour feedback and ocean heat transport are the primary causes. Sea ice and snow have high albedo (measure of reflectivity of the surface), implying that they are capable of reflecting most of the solar radiation as opposed to water and land. In the Arctic's case, global warming is resulting in diminishing sea ice. As the sea ice melts, the Arctic Ocean will be more capable of absorbing solar radiation, thereby driving the amplification. The lapse rate or the rate at which the temperature drops with elevation decreases with warming. Studies show that the ice-albedo feedback and the lapse rate feedback are responsible for 40% and 15% of polar amplification respectively.

What do the previous studies say?

The extent of Arctic amplification is debated, as studies show various rates of amplification against the global rate. Studies have shown that the Arctic was warming at twice the global rate prior to the beginning of the 21st century. With revised figures, the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change released a 'Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate' in 2019, which said that the "Arctic surface air temperature has *likely* increased by more than double the global average over the last two decades."

In May 2021, the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) warned that the Arctic has warmed three times quicker than the planet, and the chance of the sea ice completely disappearing in summers is 10 times greater, if the planet is warmer by two degree Celsius above the pre-industrial levels. The report also said that the average annual temperature in the region increased by 3.1 degrees Celsius compared to the 1 degree Celsius for the planet.

However, recent studies have shown that the mean Arctic amplification saw steep changes in 1986 and 1999, when the ratio reached 4.0, implying four times faster heating than the rest of the planet.

What are the consequences of Arctic warming?

The causes and consequences of Arctic amplification are cyclical – what might be a cause can be a consequence too.

The Greenland ice sheet is melting at an alarming rate, and the rate of accumulation of sea ice has been remarkably low since 2000, marked by young and thinner ice replacing the old and thicker ice sheets. The Greenland ice sheet saw a sharp spike in the rate and extent of melting between July 15-17 this year. The unusual summer temperatures resulted in a melt of 6 billion tonnes of ice sheet per day, amounting to a total of 18 billion tonnes in a span of three days, enough to cover West Virginia in a foot of water.

Greenlandic ice sheet holds the second largest amount of ice, after Antarctica, and therefore it is crucial for maintaining the sea level. In 2019, this was the single biggest cause for the rise in the sea level, about 1.5 metres. If the sheet melts completely, the sea level would rise by seven metres, capable of subsuming island countries and major coastal cities.

The warming of the Arctic Ocean and the seas in the region, the acidification of water, changes in the salinity levels, are impacting the biodiversity, including the marine species and the dependent species. The warming is also increasing the incidence of rainfall which is affecting the availability and accessibility of lichens to the reindeer. The Arctic amplification is causing widespread starvation and death among the Arctic fauna.

The permafrost in the Arctic is thawing and in turn releasing carbon and methane which are among the major greenhouse gases responsible for global warming.

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Experts fear that the thaw and the melt will also release the long-dormant bacteria and viruses that were trapped in the permafrost and can potentially give rise to diseases.

What is the impact on India?

In recent years, scientists have pondered over the impact the changing Arctic can have on the monsoons in the subcontinent. The link between the two is growing in importance due to the extreme weather events the country faces, and the heavy reliance on rainfall for water and food security.

A study titled 'A possible relation between Arctic sea ice and late season Indian Summer Monsoon Rainfall extremes' published in 2021 by a group of Indian and Norwegian scientists found that the reduced sea ice in the Barents-Kara sea region can lead to extreme rainfall events in the latter half of the monsoons – in September and October. The changes in the atmospheric circulation due to diminishing sea ice combined with the warm temperatures in the Arabian Sea contribute to enhanced moisture and drive extreme rainfall events. In 2014, India deployed IndARC, India's first moored-underwater observatory in the Kongsfjorden fjord, Svalbard, to monitor the impact of the changes in the Arctic Ocean on the tropical processes such as the monsoons.

According to the World Meteorological Organization's report, 'State of Global Climate in 2021', sea level along the Indian coast is rising faster than the global average rate. One of the primary reasons for this rise is the melting of sea ice in the polar regions, especially the Arctic. The Arctic amplification furthers the idea that "what happens in the Arctic does not remain in the Arctic" and can substantially affect tropical processes far south.

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'Petitioners must seek clarification from SC on ward delimitation row'

The BBMP election case will be up for SC hearing on August 26

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday orally indicated that the petitioners, who questioned the legality of delimitation of 243 new wards of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), will have to seek clarification from the apex court for the High Court to consider their pleas.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar made the oral observations after the State Election Commission (SEC) referred to the recent judgments of the apex court, which said that pendency or delay of delimitation of wards or reservation of seats need not detain the issue of election programme by the SECs.

The petitioners had questioned the legality of delimitation of 243 new wards of BBMP. •FILE PHOTO

Senior advocate K.N. Phanindra, appearing for the SEC, pointed out that the apex court had said that SECs should go ahead with the election process considering the wards and reservation on notional basis. The apex court had also stated that changes in the delimitation of wards and reservation can be considered for future election, he said, quoting the apex court judgment in Suresh Mahajan Vs State of Madhya Pradesh (MP).

The SEC pointed out to the court that the apex court had said in the case of elections to the local bodies of MP that "any order passed or to be passed by the High Court of MP shall be deemed to have been superseded in terms of this order and not to be acted upon without the prior permission of this court."

As the petitioners did not agree with the contention of the SEC and argued that the High Court can interfere in the issue, the court orally said that petitioners needs to seek clarification from the apex court. The High Court adjourned hearing till August 29, as the BBMP election case is coming up before the apex court on August 26.

Congress plans to launch legal battle

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

Amid unhappiness about the notification of the delimitation and reservation for new wards, various political parties have started to prepare for the upcoming civic body polls, while the Congress may choose to go for a legal fight against the BJP-led State government's approval of the delimitation.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, former Congress councillor in the BBMP council Abdul Wajid said: "Despite several objections by the general public on the reservation of wards, the BJP government has not changed or updated anything, but approved it."

According to Mr. Wajid, the party will hold a protest against Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai outside his residence on Thursday.

Category	No. of seats
General	65
General (Women)	65
Backward Classes A	34
Backward Classes A (Women)	31
Backward Classes B	8
Backward Classes B (Women)	8
Scheduled Castes	14
SC (Women)	14
Scheduled Tribes	2
ST (Women)	2
Total	243

The Karnataka government on Tuesday night notified the ward-wise reservation for 243 wards of BBMP. The Urban Development Department (UDD) notified the final notification after reviewing the objections received from the general public and making suitable recommendations, according to the notification.

Meanwhile, the BJP has started preparing for the election by forming a 12-member selection committee headed by party State president Nalin Kumar Kateel to finalise the candidates for the BBMP polls. N.R. Ramesh, Bengaluru South District president, BJP, said: "Our party is very serious about the election and have started preparing for it. We have done everything legally." "BJP general secretary and State incharge Arun Singh has held a meeting with the party leaders regarding the BBMP polls and decided that 50% of candidates will be grassroot party workers from the city," Mr. Ramesh added.

The State government has reserved 33% of the 243 constituencies in the city for OBC and 13% for SC and ST. The Karnataka government declared a ward-wise reservations draft on August 3 for BBMP to facilitate the long-delayed polls. The number of BBMP council seats was increased from 198 to 243 following a recent delimitation exercise of wards based on their population by the State government.

The State government, in June 2022, promulgated an ordinance to facilitate the reservation of one-third of the seats in the BBMP council for candidates from OBC to facilitate BBMP elections which were pending since August 2020. The ordinance also restricts the total number of reserved seats to 50%.

MCC to host exhibition on Shakespeare's works

B.N. Balaji to display his collection

LEESHA K NAIR
BENGALURU

Commemorating the diamond jubilee celebrations, the Department of English at Mount Carmel College (MCC) will host an exhibition in honour of the English playwright and dramatist William Shakespeare. The exhibition will showcase rare memorabilia and artefacts of the Bard, collected by the retired English professor, famously known as the Shakespearewallah of Mysuru, B.N. Balaji.

The exhibition will showcase rare memorabilia of the Bard.

Literature enthusiasts can attend the event on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Diamond Jubilee Auditorium. "Public awareness will certainly increase and it will be very interesting to know certain facts. The books and rare collection that Mr. Balaji has will please the audience, especially the students," said I. Vinitha Chandra from the English department.

A rare statue of the character Shylock sourced from London will be a major attraction. Production posters featuring Hollywood magnums Laurence Olivier, Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Sir John Gielgud, and Benedict Cumberbatch will be other additions. Apart from this, 100-year-old long play records, an antique book of the drama Hamlet valued at just ₹5, and Shakespeare's book of insults will also be featured.

The exhibition will showcase unique editions of Shakespeare's works, notable quotes, playing cards, encyclopedia, miniature figurines, badges, coasters, magnets, and bookmarks which have been sourced from 14 countries. Vintage tickets of films, dramas, theatre, and dance shows inspired by the Bard's creations will be displayed. Rare vernacular and foreign translations will be included.

Mr. Balaji says his sole aim is to introduce college students to the opuses of the playwright. "I want the students to know that if they want a better understanding of themselves, their parents, society, history, and psychology, they must read Shakespeare. Shakespeare combines all the disciplines that one learns in college in his works," he said.

"I am really excited about the exhibition. Mainly, because we have been introduced to Shakespeare by our professors. I know the academics, and want to experience the other aspects," said Nandini Chakravorty, a student. Mr. Balaji will interact with the crowd prior to the exhibition by indulging them in a series of Shakespearean readings. The drama club of MCC will stage dramatised readings.

BBMP bans sale of meat on Krishna Janmashtami

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Wednesday issued a circular banning sale of meat and killing of animals on Shri Krishna Janmashtami on Friday.

The Joint Director (animal welfare), BBMP, issued the circular on the ban on animal slaughter and sale of meat. The BBMP has also ordered the closure of abattoirs and slaughterhouses in the city on the occasion.

New branch

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

UCO Bank opened its 64th branch under its Bengaluru zone at Kanakapura of Ramanagaram district. The new branch was inaugurated by bank MD and Chief Executive Officer Soma Sankara Prasad via a video link on Tuesday.

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TENDER ALERT

1)E-Tender Call Notice No.09/2022-23: For & on behalf of OPTCL, SGM(CPC) invites tenders from reputed textile manufacturers in two part bidding system for supply of 5000 pairs of Uniform Fabrics for the employees of OPTCL as per the specification.

2) E-Tender Notice No. CPC-05/2022-23: Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of improvement in earthing system along with PCC & Metal spreading of 400kV switchyard & PCC of barren area adjacent to the road inside 400kV switchyard & other associated work at 400/220/132/33kV Grid S/S Meramundaliu at an estimated cost of package for Rs.09.41 Crore on Turnkey Contract Basis.

Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal: **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in.**

HIPR-20/2022-23 Sd/- Sr. General Manager (CPC)
CAD-1521 OIPR-04011/11/0078/2223

TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION
Head Office : 12, THAMBUSAMY ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI - 600010
Ph.(044) 26426773 Email Id : tncsc.tn@nic.in CIN : U15137TN1972SGC006157

No. BS3/022050/2022 **SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE** Dated :17.08.2022

Short E-tender No. TNCSC/22-23/ ET-27

Online electronic tender for **" PURCHASE OF 200 LAKH NUMBERS OF FORTIFIED RBD PALMOLEIN OIL 1 LITRE POUCHES (910 gms)"**

Complete short e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc** and also available in **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED, Phone: 25222842/ 25251910/ 25261005 e-Mail: mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in

Last Date for Online Submission : upto 11.00 A.M on 29.08.2022.

DIPR/ 3794 /Tender / 2022 MANAGING DIRECTOR

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ತಿಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು.
ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ರಾಯಚೂರು -584128
ಇಮೇಲ್: cdpsnd@gmail.com Phone: 08535 - 295108

ಸಂ/ತಿ.ಅ.ಯೋ.ಸಿಂ/ಅಂ.ಕೇ.ಕೊ.ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್.ಪ್ರ/ಬಗ್ಗೆ/2022-23/295 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16-08-2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೇಳಾಪು

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: cdposnd/wcd/icds/egg/tender/2022-23 Dated:22.07.2022 2) ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಯನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.07.2022 3) ಮೂರ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ: ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ: ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.08.2022 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11-00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ತಿಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ರಾಯಚೂರು -584128. 4) ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ:_____ 5) ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 08.09.2022 ರಂದು 5:00 PM ಒಳಗೆ. 6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : 12.09.2022, 11:00 AM ಒಳಗೆ. 7) ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 19.09.2022. 11:00 AM ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. 8) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ : ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ 9) ಸಂಪರ್ಕಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ವಿಳಾಸ: ತಿಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಸಿಂಧನೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ರಾಯಚೂರು -584128 ಇಮೇಲ್: cdpsnd@gmail.com

I. ಮೂರ್‌ಗೊಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಬಳಕೆದಾರ ID ಯನ್ನು ಬಳಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರಿಂಗ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು, ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ II ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ – ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯದ ಮೊದಲು. 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ರಜಾದಿನವೆಂದು ಘೋಷಿಸಿದರೆ, ಮುಂದಿನ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನದಂದು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಪಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ರಾಯಚೂರು/252/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/- ತಿಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಸಿಂಧನೂರು.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagar Division, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross, 4th B Main, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040.

No.EE(GRN)/Quotation-02/2022-23 Date:16.08.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM QUOTATIONS

The Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, invites quotations from eligible suppliers for supply of following materials:

Sl. No.	Item Name	Unit	Sl. No.	Item Name	Unit
1	Pipe Shamiyana (40x200)	Sqft	20	Cordless mike	No's
2	Side Wall (10x20x25)	Sqft	21	Cable set	No's
3	Stage (40x60)	Sqft	22	Diesel Generator (160 KVA)	No's
4	Back Screen (30x40)	Sqft	23	White Light (Flood Light)	No's
5	VIP Chairs	No's	24	Banner Cloth (20x30)	Sqft
6	VVIP Chairs	No's	25	Plastic Chairs	No's
7	Tipai	No's	26	Flower Bouque	No's
8	Podium	No's	27	LED (6x12x2)	Sqft
9	Lighting	No's	28	Foundation Stone / Inauguration Stone	Sqft
10	Steps	No's	29	Screen	Sqft
11	Synthetic Mat (40x200)	Sqft	30	Breakfast	No's
12	Well Wet Mat (6x300)	Sqft	31	2 Seat Sofa	No's
13	Barricading (Minimum 4 feet height)	Rft	32	Canvas Tent	Sqft
14	Flower Stage Running Bouque	No's	33	Inauguration remote Screen	Sqft
15	Screen	Sqft	34	Dinning table	No's
16	Serials Set	No's	35	Cloth Frill	No's
17	Speaker	No's	36	Flower Gate	No's
18	Amplifier	No's	37	Running ale	Sqft
19	Audio Player	No's	38	Super Structure	Sqft
			39	Toilet	No's

Note: For any information and queries and details contact Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, 2nd Floor, Shakti Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040. Last date for submission of sealed Quotation's: **24.08.2022 upto 4:00pm.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division.

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ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂರ್ವ) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು-570024. ಇಮೇಲ್: eewmeemvs@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ&ಪ)/ಟಾ.ಟೆ.ಪ್ರ-02/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.08.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಗಳಾದ ಜೆ.ಎನ್.ಎಂ.ಎ., 14ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಮತ್ತು ಕೇ.24.ಡಿ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ವಿವರ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	(ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಾಕಿದ ಬಯಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
1.	ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ)	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪ)/ ಟಿಎನ್-19/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:12.08.2022	33	448.41	18.08.2022	02.09.2022	03.09.2022
2.	ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ವಾಹನ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ)	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಜೆಜೆ1/ಜಪ್ರ/ 2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.08.2022	1	395.33	12.08.2022	12.09.2022	13.09.2022
			5	117.45	12.08.2022	26.08.2022	29.08.2022
	ಕೆ.ಆರ್ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅನುದಾನ						
3.	ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ)	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪ)/ ಟಿಎನ್-20/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:12.08.2022	4	2000.00	16.08.2022	16.09.2022	17.09.2022
	ಸರ್ವೀಸ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್						
4.	ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ)	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪ)/ ಟಿಎನ್-21/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:12.08.2022	1	18.18	16.08.2022	01.09.2022	02.09.2022
5.	ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ)	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ(ಪ)/ ಟಿಎನ್-18/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:12.08.2022	3	95.69	17.08.2022	01.09.2022	02.09.2022

ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನ **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ನಿಗಧಿತ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ರೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಿವಿಲ್ (ಪೂರ್ವ/ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ), ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ / ಬದಲಾವಣೆ / ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರಬೇಕು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ಪೂರ್ವ) ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ)
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

DIPR/MYS/KA/ITA/380/22-23

BEFORE THE XIIIth ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH- 22)

P & S.C. No. 25054/2022 Hg: 9/9/22

PETITIONERS:-

1) MRS. DEANNA COLKERS (nee) GODINHO, aged 72 years, widow of late Sydney Colkers, formerly residing at No. 2066/2, Mangala Layout, 13th Cross, Arvind Nagar, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084, and also at Flat No. G-01, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bengaluru-560025.

2) MRS. GERALDINE MARGARET PAUL (nee) GODINHO, aged 67 years, wife of Howard Paul, presently residing at No. 21, Sweeney Drive, Narre Warren, Victoria – 3805, Australia, Represented herein by her biological sister and General Power of Attorney Holder MRS. DEANNA COLKERS (nee) GODINHO, aged 72 years, widow of late Sydney Colkers, formerly residing at No. 2066/2, Mangala Layout, 13th Cross, Arvind Nagar, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru – 560 084, and also at Flat No. G-01, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bengaluru – 560 025, and,

3) MR. ANSELM LEONARD PAUL GODINHO, aged 56 years, presently residing at Villa No. 32, 26B Street, Jumeirah – 1, P.O. Box No. 29684, Dubai, United Arab Emirates Represented herein by his biological sister and General Power of Attorney holder MRS. DEANNA COLKERS (nee) GODINHO, aged 72 years, widow of late Sydney Colkers, formerly residing at No. 2066/2, Mangala Layout, 13th Cross, Arvind Nagar, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084, and also at Flat No. G-01, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bengaluru-560025.

-Versus-

RESPONDENTIS:- NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under **Part IX, Chapter IV, Section 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925**, for grant of Probate in respect of the Last Will and Testament dated 27/05/2003 of the deceased **REENA ISABELLE GODINHO**, widow of late Gilbert Godinho, late of No.1900/2, Mangala Layout, 13th Cross, Arvind Nagar, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru – 560 084 and also at Flat No. G-01, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bengaluru – 560 025, who died testate on 25/12/2021.

Be it known that No Caveat has been entered and the said petition is posted for hearing on **9-9-2022** at 11 'O' Clock. Any person/s claiming to have any interest may come and participate in the proceedings before grant of Probate in respect of the Last Will and Testament dated 27/05/2003 of the deceased **REENA ISABELLE GODINHO**, is made.

PART - A - VALUATION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF DECEASED REENA ISABELLE GODINHO:

		Rs. P.
I.	MOVABLE PROPERTY CONSISITING OF	
	A) Cash in hand:	5,500.00
	B) Cash in Bank	
	S.No Particulars	Approx Amt.
	1. FIXED DEPOSITS	
	a. Catholic Syrian Bank, Residency Road (FD No. 2222978)	1,28,743.00
	b. Canara Bank, O' Shaughnessy Road, Langford Town (FD No. KF539117)	6,16,319.00
	c. Canara Bank, O' Shaughnessy Road, Langford Town (FD No. KF539118)	7,13,134.00
	d. State Bank of India, Kanchakanahalli (FD No. 31106721853)	5,96,275.00
	e. State Bank of India, Kanchakanahalli (FD No. 10374658032)	3,31,915.00
	Total	23,72,386.00
	2. SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
	a. Catholic Syrian Bank, Residency Road (A/c No. 0009-01008708-190001)	2,52,496.46
	b. Canara Bank, O' Shaughnessy Road, Langford Town (A/c No. 0424101003626)	23,15,547.82
	c. State Bank of India, Kachanakanahalli (A/c No. 10374672274)	13,431.83
	Total	25,81,476.11/-
	Grand Total	49,53,862.11/-
(i)	Household goods wearing Apparel, books, plates, Jewels etc (approximately)	10,000.00
	d. Jewellery	Nil
	SUB TOTAL:	49,69,362.00
II.	PROPERTY IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES TRANSFERABLE AT PUBLIC DEBT OFFICE	Nil
III.	IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	Nil
	Grand Total (Immovable Property)	Nil
IV.	LEASEHOLD PROPERTY - Nil, V. PROPERTY IN PUBLIC COMPANIES - Nil, VI. POLICIES OF INSURANCE UPON LIFE, MONEY OUT ON MORTGAGE AND OTHER SECURITIES, SUCH AS BONDS, BILLS, AND OTHER SECURITIES FOR MONEY - Nil	
VII.	DEBTS	Nil
VIII.	STOCK IN TRADE	Nil
IX.	OTHER PROPERTY NOT COMPRISED UNDER THE FOREGOING HEADS	Nil
	TOTAL	Rs. 49,69,362.00/-
	LESS	
	Deduct items shown in Annexure 'B' in the manner provided in Sub Section (2) of Section 53	Rs. 9,13,036.00/-
	NET VALUE OF ESTATE	Rs. 40,56,326.00/-

PART B - SCHEDULE OF DEBTS

I. Amount of debts due and owing from the deceased, legally payable out of the estate Rs. 2,80,000.00/-
II. Amount of expenses connected with Medical Treatment to the deceased during her death bed illness, funeral rites and ceremonies Rs.6,33,036.00/-
III. Amount of mortgage encumbrances - Nil, IV. Property held in trust not beneficially or with general power to confer a beneficial interest - Nil, V. Other property not subject to duty - Nil
TOTAL Rs.9,13,036.00/-

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By Order of Court
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City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

The Bara Imambara in Lucknow.

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Love among the ruins: notes on a city full of grace and charm

Lucknow, with its share of history and plurality, draws its pride from the past. Though a tad late, the city's vibrant population and bustling landscape has set the place on course for a date with modernity

ZIYA US SALAM

Lucknow has always been a city of infinite grace and endless charm. A city where a construction worker could enthral you with his Urdu diction, and an office-goer could surprise you with his wit and patience even during heavy traffic.

Well-known Pakistani writer-academic Arfa Syeda Zehra once recounted the experience of her first visit to Lucknow. She recalled, "I saw a banana seller on the pavement and asked him the price. He said ₹3 a dozen. As a subcontinent woman, I knew I was supposed to strike a bargain. So, I said, "₹2.50 *(dhhai) ka na dijiyega?* (Won't you give it for ₹2.50?)" He replied, "*Bitiya*, people with dreams of buying it for ₹2.75 (*paune teen*) went with unfulfilled aspiration!" That is quintessential Lucknow, a city where understatements are a way of life, and history resides in every nook and corner. It's also a place made famous by Hindi cinema's abiding love affair, its '*pehle-aap*' (first you) culture well documented.

Divided in two

Lucknow has been brought to life with many a literary work. A few years ago, I laid my hands on Parveen Talha's book *Fida-e-Lucknow: Tales of the City and its People*, where, with a single incident she captured the spirit of the young city. She wrote, "It is a fine Sunday morning and I am in my Butler Palace Colony flat, yet to exercise and bathe...Kedar, who works for me, suddenly knocks at my door and announces, 'Nawab Sahib has come', as though coming of some Nawab Sahib is a normal feature at this hour. 'Which Nawab Sahib? From where for God's sake!' I am irritated. I soon realise though my irritation is not uncalled for, my queries are. In Lucknow, a nawab does not need to be specified. A nawab is a nawab and that is the end of it."

Talha's book was replete with vignettes of the city but what it did not point out was the division of the city into two halves, the age-old, almost decadent yet replete with nostalgia Lucknow, and the new bustling city, somewhat a late starter in the world of cosmopolitan cities, a place which has just made space for Yusuff Ali's Lulu Mall with considerable energy. The mall is said to have attracted blue and white collar workers from neighbouring towns and villages, something which is bound to affect the social niceties of the city. As Mehru Jaffer wrote so eloquently in *A Shadow of the Past*, "Most of the contemporary architecture is unimaginative, public places are sub-standard and the display of wealth is garish...Builders have filled up many water bodies with concrete to raise shabby marketplaces, discouraging migratory birds from returning to Lucknow. Even memories of the spectacular life once lived here have blurred in the midst of a society with little regard for history or heritage."

Jaffer's words have a ring of truth yet Lucknow continues to woo, to amaze. It has that indefinable charm, much like a child, annoying one moment, bewitchingly beautiful the next. Many years before Jaffer, Mushirul Hasan had talked of the sense of decay and displacement in Lucknow in *Making Sense of History: Society, Culture and Politics*; where he wrote with beguiling simplicity, "What have we done to this city after Independence? The Jama Masjid, the handsome Chattar Manzil, the glittering Shah Najaf mausoleum...may still charm you. But all that glitters is not gold. The famous Mahmudabad House in Qaiser Bagh, venue of the famous Congress-Muslim League meetings in 1916, is a mute witness to Lucknow's steady decline. The nearby Baradari, once the focal point of Awadh's cultural renaissance, is a grim reminder of Lucknow's bygone era. You are sure to hear loud bands playing Hindi music, but there is no Jigar, Josh or Majaz to regale the audiences with their poetry." It was a sad recollection of the decline of the city.

Pluralist ethos

Incidentally, in another book, *Traditional Rites and Contested Meanings: Sectarian Strife in Colonial Lucknow*, Hasan had captured the essence of the city with his account of Muharram; how it was once part of the city's pluralist ethos, how it gradually became a narrow, even divisive, observance of a religious event. He wrote, "Husain (Prophet Muhammed's grandson) stirred the passions and sensitivities of several groups in India. On the night of ninth Muharram, groups of women, mostly Hindus, moved about the villages reciting dohas, mostly improvised lyrics of the epic tragedy and wailed in a plaintiff voice. Both in urban and rural areas, most Hindus venerated Husain...Lucknow was, both before and during Nawabi rule, relatively free of religious insularity or sectarian bigotry. The Shia Nawabs took their cue from their Sunni overlords in Delhi and created a broad-based polity and a cosmopolitan cultural and intellectual ethos...Shia-Sunni controversies did not plague most rulers of princely states or the Awadh taluqdars."

Signs of schism

The camaraderie lasted a little longer than the nawabs. By early 20th century came the first signs of schism with the Sunnis building their own local Karbala at Phoolkatora opposite the existing Karbala at Talkatora. Muharram was no longer a common symbol of veneration and gradually became a Shia concern in its composition. The chroniclers, however, were still besotted with Begum Hazrat Mahal, Firangi Mahal and mushairas. As Nadeem Hasnain wrote in *The Other Lucknow*, "In the case of Lucknow, most of the published scholarship focussed on 1857, historical monuments and the Nawabi palace life and culture. This fascination with the Nawabi era is largely responsible for the neglect of various other aspects of Lucknow such as its social fabric, the subaltern and the marginalised sections of the society, problems and plight of the artisans, Sunni-Shia violence, local landmarks, vanishing skills, its Bollywood connection, people from outside the State who have made Lucknow their home and enriched it."

Jaffer understood as much. She wrote about how Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula transformed a rustic trading port on the banks of the Gomti into a rich cosmopolitan city where Indo-Islamic and European ideas merged making the city "a powerhouse of creativity", but realised that the city where people once lived in peace and harmony, has "watered down the quality of morality and ethics once practised in the city". Jaffer's book held the attention of the reader, taking him into the lanes and bylanes, its tradition, big and small. And ended up with a nice little portrait of a city drawing its pride from its past but equally significantly, poised for its date with modernity.

That's something one cannot always say about Bhopal, Jaipur or Ahmedabad, similarly placed cities with a rich history. Lucknow though is different. It has always been so.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"How do you use 'likely' and 'liable', sir?"

"'Likely' means 'probable'."

He is likely to get married.

It is likely to rain.

He is not likely to be promoted.

'Liable', is used only when we refer to unpleasant possibilities.

I am liable to catch cold in this weather.

Everyone is liable to make mistakes.

He is liable to be prosecuted for what he has done.

"What's the difference between 'inoffensive' and 'unoffending,' sir?"

"'Inoffensive' is the opposite of 'offensive.' 'Unoffending' is the opposite of 'offending.' 'Inoffensive' refers to the general nature of a person. An inoffensive person is a person who doesn't cause any annoyance or discomfort. It is his nature. A man who is unoffending in one case need not be inoffensive. 'Unoffending' is used with reference to a particular instance. 'Inoffensive carries a slightly derogatory connotation. It has the implication that the person concerned doesn't have the capacity even to hurt or offend others."

"What's the meaning of 'egregious,' sir?"

"It is from Latin 'egrigus" which means 'standing out from the flock.' something outstanding. Now it is applied to anything outstandingly bad. notorious or deplorable.

He is an egregious idiot.

That was an egregious blunder.

She is an egregious liar.

"The 'e' in the word is pronounced like the 'e' in egg: 'gregious rhymes with 'grievous.' The stress is on the second syllable."

"By the way, when is your uncle going to Delhi?"

"I don't know when is he going to Delhi. Sir."

"You don't know? I thought you'd know. By the way, it is I don't know when he is going to Delhi' and not 'I don't know when is he going to Delhi.' I'll give you soma examples:

I don't know where he is going.

He told me when he would be coming.

I asked him when he was going abroad.

She asked me where / was going.

The question form is changed into the affirmative in response speecnh. Examples:

He said to me, "Where are you going?"

He asked me where I was going.

He said to her, "When can I see you?"

He asked her when he could see her.

"Do you understand now?"

"Yes. sir. Thank you. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on some Indian sporting achievements since Independence

1 Post Independence, the Indian men's hockey team has won nine medals at the Olympics, including five gold and three bronze. Where did they win the lone silver?

2 The Dhyan Chand (formerly Rajiv Gandhi) Khel Ratna is the highest accolade in Indian sport. Who was the first recipient in 1992 (for 1991-92)?

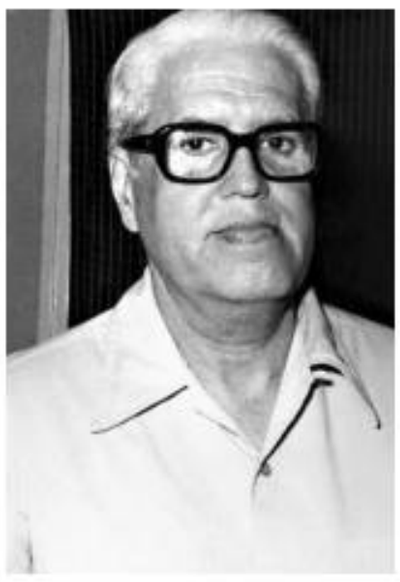
3 The 1983 Prudential World Cup win is the stuff of legend. All except one member of the touring party played at least one match. Name the hero who missed out.

4 Which current MP won a record-setting five gold medals (100m, 200m, 400m, 400mH, and 4x400m relay)and a 4x100m bronze at the 1985 Jakarta Asian Championships?

5 At the 2018 Asian Games, in which sport did Pranab Bardhan and Shibnath Sarkar win a historic gold medal?

6 Name the Indian swimmer, who on September 27, 1958, became the first Asian to conquer the English Channel from Dover to Calais.

7 Name the scion of the Alwar royal family, who is a Guinness Book of World Records holder for being a National champion 16 times in a row in a ball game.



He was India's first World champion in any sport after Independence. Name him and the sport. • FILE PHOTO

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Please send your answers to **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the August 16 edition of daily quiz: 1.Name the American-Indian herpetologist and founder of the Madras Snake Park, and his focus of research Ans: Romulus Whitaker; King Cobras

2. A bird species whose members include Rhodonessa caryophyllaceae and Ophrysia superciliosa went extinct recently. What was it? A species of warbler, Acrocephalus orinus, was rediscovered after 139 years. Who collected this and where was it discovered? Ans: Pink-headed duck, Himalayan quail; AO Hume; Thailand

3. In 2020, the Environment Ministry announced a project to boost the conservation of this species. Name the project and the species. Name the deity with this species. Ans: Project Dolphin, Ganges River dolphin; Ganga

4. Name the discovery made by ASI in 1896. What was the historical fact confirmed subsequently? Ans: Lumbini pillar inscription; Confirmed Lumbini as Buddha's birthplace.

5. This UNESCO heritage site has the oldest-known rock art in India. Ans: Bhimbetka rock shelters; Dickinsonia

Visual - Charles Wilkins. He published the first English translation of the Bhagavad Gita.

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588 Amrit Sarovars revived under MGNREGS

75th Independence Day: 'Amrit Sarovar' campaign for water conservation

Drive for Development of 2325 lakes in 31 districts of the state. Development of 588 lakes under MGNREGS, Watershed Department and Social Responsibility funds. Hoisting of tricolor flag on Amrit Sarovars by freedom fighters/soldiers' family members, Padma awardees and senior citizens.

Development of 588 lakes beyond target of 465 lakes for 2022-23

Belagavi — Celebrating 75th Independece Day at Kukatanooru Lake

Kukatanooru lake in Athani taluk has been developed comprehensively. Participation of students and senior citizens made the celebration more meaningful. 45 lakes have been rejuvenated completely, which can benefit around 900 acres of land once filled.

Bidar — Development of Benchinacholi Lake for Soya Cultivation

Soya is mostly grown in the vicinity of lake area of Benchincholi village in Humanabad taluk. The crops are mainly dependant on the lake. But, many years have passed since the development of the lake, the water capacity has declined and there is a shortage of water for agriculture. Now that it has been developed under Amrit Sarovar, it will be beneficial for agriculture. 15 lakes have been developed in the district.

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Kalaburagi — Water conservation in Kalaburagi

Kalaburagi is a rainfed area with Toor Daal being the major crop. Out of the 75 lakes identified, 15 lakes have been developed comprehensively. This helps the farmers. Family members of freedom fighters hoisted the tricolour on the banks of Amrit Sarovar.

Yadgiri — Tricolour around Amrit Sarovar

Tricolour flags surrounded and brought beauty to the lake. The lake in Konkal GP, Gurumitkal taluk was rejuvenated and helps in groundwater recharge. 15 lakes have been developed comprehensively under this campaign.

Vijayapura — Afforestation around Amrit Sarovar

Banyan and Peepul saplings were planted around the lake developed under Amrit Sarovar. Along with lake development, afforestation works are also being taken up under the campaign. 10 works are completed and Independence Day was celebrated at those lakes.

Raichur — Securing the lake with fencing

The lake has been surrounded with fencing to prevent slipping of cattle or villagers. This has also added to the beautification of the tank and helps in the sustainability of the work. 17 lakes have been developed which are benefitting the villagers as well as quenching the thirst of cattle and birds.

Koppal — Flag hoisting over 16 lake

The flag hoisting on 16 lakes developed for water conservation in the district has brought new joy to the lakes. The school children and the people of the villages celebrated seeing the beauty of lakes in their villages.

Gadag — Traditional inauguration of Amrit Sarovar

16 lakes were revived in the district as part of the Amrit Mahotsava of Independence and a tricolour flag hoisting program was organized. The traditional participation of women, in the inauguration of drinking water Lake in Balaganur village of Gadag taluk attracted everyone's attention.

Bagalakote — Rejuvenation of the twin lakes in Muttalageri Village

The twin lakes have been developed in Muttalageri village in Badami Taluk under Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan. Family members of freedom fighters hoisted flag on the lake. 18 lakes have been developed in the district so far and Independence Day was celebrated.

Haveri — Rich rain harvest from lake development

The irrigated land is less in the district despite two rivers flowing through the geographical area of 4.85 lakh hectares. Lakes are the basis for agriculture. Thus, 75 lakes have been identified and developed, 16 lakes have been developed and flag hoisting ceremony of 75th Independence Day has been completed.

Chikkaballapur — Ornamenting Tricolour for Amrit Sarovar

Senior citizens hoisted the flag in Talagavar GP in Chintamani Taluk. The lake was decorated with Tricolour and Flowers. 37 lakes have been developed and 75th Independence Day was celebrated on the banks of the lakes.

Bellary — Tricolour flag Shines on 18 Amrit Sarovars

Family members of freedom fighters/ martyrs hoisted the flag on the bank of 18 lakes developed under Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan for rain water conservation in the district. The tricolour was shining on these lakes.

Vijayanagar — Amrit Sarovar resembling Pisces

A lake has been developed in the shape of a fish in the hilly area of Gujanuru GP, to provide boating facility for visitors. 17 lakes have been developed completely in the district and flag hoisting took place on the 75th Independence Day.

Shivamogga — Tricolour blooms in the Amrit Sarovar in Arakere village

The dam water is being conserved in Arakere village, Bhadravathi taluk which has Bhadra Irrigation area. Development of this lake helps in the areca nut farms in the vicinity. Independence Day was celebrated on the banks of 43 Amrit Sarovars with the presence of Senior citizens and relevant dignitaries.

Chitradurga — Water conservation in drought affected lands

122 lakes are being developed in the district, out of which 12 lakes were developed and inaugurated on 75th Independence Day. Tricolour flag was hoisted by families of freedom fighters and martyr soldiers.

Kolar — India drawn on the lake

Kolar being a drought prone area is in a need of water conservation. 75 lakes are being developed under MGNREGS and MP LAD of Central finance and corporate affairs minister Smt Nirmala Seetharaman. 27 lakes are developed completely. Indian map was drawn on the waste wear of the lake in Muduvatti Village in Kolar.

Dharwad — New Life to to the ruined lake in Agadi

Shambhavi lake in Agadi village, Hubballi taluk was ruined due to the course of time. The bund was strengthened and stone pitching was done to the lake which has brought new life to the lake. Tri colour was hoisted by the villagers on 75th Independence Day. 20 lakes have been developed completely in the in the district so far.

Dakshina Kannada — Emphasis on rain water harvesting:

Even though it is a coastal region, it is imperative to collect and reuse rain water during summer. Thus, traditional lakes are being identified and revived under Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan and 14 lakes have already been rejuvenated for rain water harvesting.

Davanagere — Traditional cheering for flag hoisting

The people of Torananagatte village of Jagaluru taluk participated in a traditional attire for the flag hoisting program held on the bank of the lake which was developed as part of Amrit Mahotsava of Independence, which attracted everyone's attention. 17 Amrit Sarovar works has been completed in the district. Local ex-army men, family members of martyrs, senior citizens have performed Flag hoisting in front of the lakes.

Ramanagar — Lake development benefits Sericulture

Being adjacent to the Capital city, Ramanagar leads in Sericulture. 99 Amrit Sarovars in the district not only helps the farmers for irrigation but also helps in fishery and quenching the thirst of cattle. Freedom fighters and Seniro citizens hoisted the flag on the banks of 18 lakes on the 75th Independence Day.

Tumakur — New lake development to serve Kenganapalya village

The villagers of Kenganapalya, in the Theetha Dam in Goravanahalli GP, Koratagere taluk are not able to utilise the water from the dam. If the water flowing to the dam is conserved in a lake, the village will be benefitted. A new lake has been developed to address this issue. 22 works have been completed in the district.

Mysore — Water security through development of water bodies

25 lakes of 08 taluks of the district were developed under the MGNREGS. Amrit Mahotsava of Independence was celebrated on the banks of the Amrit Sarovar by the families of the freedom fighters/martyrs.

Kodagu

Lake development work was implemented in Botoli GP, Virajpet Taluk in the coffee land Kodagu for the conservation of rain water. This lake development work would help the farmers in summer. 13 lakes have been developed so far in the district and retired army personnel hoisted flag on August 15th.

Udupi — New glaze to Hakremutt lake

The ruined lake in KiriManjeshwara Hakremutt in Baindur taluk was rejuvenated under Dharmastala Rural Development Institute and Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan. This would help to grow rice in the 05 acre surrounding land. 06 lakes have been developed in the district so far and flag hoisting was done by the senior citizens and freedom fighters of the village.

Bangalore Rural — Tricolour on the Kalyani

Bangalore rural Lake development for agricultural needs vegetable crops are being grown more in the Pura area of Devanahalli taluk. Lake development will lead to the water conservation capacity and helps in growing vegetables.

Uttara kannada — A new touch to Bhim Kol lake

Bhimakol Lake, which is 15 km from Karwar, has been developed due to the high number of tourists visiting the lake. Seatings have been arranged on the platform for the convenience of the tourists. The flag was hoisted by senior freedom fighters at the lake constructed under Amrit Sarovar.

Bangalore Urban — Tricolour on the Kalyani

The ancient Kalyani in Kannuru Village in the Bangalore east taluk has been developed under Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan.

Mandya — New life for 17 lakes

The villages of Mandya that do not depend on Cauvery water, the traditional lakes are the source of water. But they have dried up without maintenance and due course of time. 17 lakes were developed and the Senior citizens hoisted the flag on the banks of these lakes.

Hassan — Rejuvenation of lakes for groundwater Improvisation

Gram Panchayat and Watershed Department is developing 105 selected lakes for water conservation in Arasikere and Channarayapatna taluks of the district. 26 amrit sarovars have been developed for rain water harvesting and flag hoisting on 75th Independence Day took place at these tanks.

Chamarajanagar — Amrit Sarovara; festival of Water Collection

17 lakes have been developed in Chamarajanagar, Gundlupet, Hanur, Kollegala and Yalandur Taluks. Padma awardee Sankanpur Mahadev hoisted the tricolour on the banks of the lake on the 75th Independence Day.

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Engineer caught recording *Laal Singh Chaddha* on cell phone

'He is part of organised crime syndicate'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The member of a media entertainment house caught a 30-year-old engineer allegedly recording the Aamir Khan starrer *Laal Singh Chaddha* for a piracy website.

However, the Banaswadi police are yet to arrive at a conclusion about the motive as the recording was deleted and they have now sent the mobile phone to FSL to retrieve the data.

On Friday, Suryavamshi R., a representative of Viacom 18, filed a complaint with the Banaswadi police station against the suspect Jebastephenraj J. after he was caught allegedly recording the movie at a theatre.

The complainant alleged that the accused was part of the organised crime syndicate operating to upload and distribute films and other pirated content on apps and social media.

'Huge loss'

Such pirate websites cause huge losses to the producers, content owners and creators by virtue of their illegal acts, the complainant said. Viacom18's Anil Lale, General Counsel, said: "Viacom18 pledges its continuous support in the fight against piracy. We shall continue our endeavour to create a secure and piracy free space."

Injunctive relief

Recently, in a pre-emptive action to curb piracy and infringement of content, Viacom18 secured injunctive reliefs from the Madras High Court against a host of more than 12,000 specified websites/links, specified cable operators, internet service providers as well as unknown persons restraining them from infringing *Laal Singh Chaddha* or any part thereof by copying, recording, reproducing, distributing, or downloading, etc. in any manner whatsoever without proper license from the producer(s) of the film.

The police, however, are awaiting reports from the FSL to ascertain the exact role of Jebastephenraj. Presently, he has been booked under Copyright Act and Cinematography Act and has been released on conditional bail.

Clubhouse controversy: Police step up investigation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The police have registered a case against a group which allegedly put up the Pakistan flag, played the national anthem, and put up pro-Pakistan and anti-Indian slogans on Clubhouse, a social networking app.

The Sampigehalli police have registered a case and efforts are on to track down the accused, who were operating the account using nicknames. "We have taken the incident very seriously and efforts are on to track down the accused in order to initiate legal action," C.H. Pratap Reddy, city Police Commissioner, said.

Seeking help

The police are trying to identify the accused through the IP address and are also seeking the help of service providers, an officer said.

"The accused not only put up the Pakistan flag as their display pictures, but also encouraged others to do the same. The accused also dared the investigating agencies to track them," according to sources.

Man held for murdering wife while on holiday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Madiwala police cracked a missing case and arrested a 28-year-old businessman who allegedly strangled his wife to death while returning from a holiday in Malpe on August 2.

According to the police, the accused Prithviraj, a resident of Maruthinagar, had made an elaborate plan to murder his wife Jyothi Kumari, 38, and roped in his friend to drive the car. However, CCTV footage and call record details helped the police nail the accused. The driver is on the run.

C.K. Baba, Deputy Commissioner of Police, south east division, said Prithviraj, who owns an electronic appliances shop, used to fight with his wife over their age difference. Jyothi, who was a B.Com graduate, also attempted the UPSC exam twice and stayed in Delhi for some time for coaching. The accused started suspecting her and fought with her frequently, the police said.

The accused booked a car on rent and a hotel room in Malpe and planned to drown Jyothi in the beach and make it look like an accidental death. He left their mobile phones at home to create an alibi and even purchased a new SIM card and a basic mobile phone for communication. However, the plan did not work as the authorities had put danger signboards and heightened patrolling, the police said.

The accused returned via Shiradi Ghat and stopped near Gundya forest area, where he strangled her and dumped the body before returning home on August 2. After waiting for three days, Prithviraj filed a missing complaint, the police said.

The police verified his phone number to find that he had booked a holiday trip to Malpe and had rented a car a few days before the incident. Prithviraj was taken into custody and detailed investigations led him to confess to the crime, Mr. Baba said. The police team went to Shiradi Ghat area and recovered the body.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE KNOWN TO ALL that my client intend to purchase the **Site bearing No.5/4, measuring East to West: Northern side 42'2" feet Southern side 41'2" feet and North to South: Eastern side 35'4" feet, western side 34'6" feet,** in Sy No.295/2, situated at: Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, BSTQ, which bounded on the : **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.5/2, **North by:** Site No.6, **South by :** Site No.5/3, from its owner **Sri. Sachien Acharya.K, S/o.K.L.Acharya.**

If any person entity has any claim/objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said property or any part, thereof, such a person submit his/her claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **(10) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there is no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said site from the owner.

K.V. Prema Thulasikrishna Advocate
No. 26, D.M. Chambers,
BEML Layout, R.R. Nagar,
Bangalore-560098. Ph : 9341381368

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The General Public is hereby notified that Sri.P.N. Edward Arockia Raj and Smt.R.Felcia Priyatharisini, both residing at no.102, Meenakshi Enclave, 21/3 13.F Main, Indira Nagar, Bangalore – 560 038 are the owners of the Schedule 'B' Property described infra.

It is noticed that original sale deed dated 31.03.2003, bearing doc no.32/2003-04, executed by M/s Meenakshi Associates rep by its partners Sri.Y.Sudhakara Reddy, Sri.P.M.Rao and Sri.M.Bhaskar Reddy in favour of Sri.Y.Sudhakara Reddy, registered at the office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost / misplaced. In this connection, an E-Complaint has been lodged on 17.08.2022 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, bearing Serial no.294222.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original sale deed to the undersigned within 15 days from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the Sale Deed is irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost original for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing no.21/3, Dookanahalli, Civil Area, Corporation ward no.72, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 35 ft., and North to South : 100 ft., in all measuring 3500 Sq. ft.,and bounded as follows, on the East by:Munikrishnappa's property, West by :Annayappa's Property, North by:Abbaiahyappa's Property, South by:Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

Flat bearing no.102 a two bed-room apartment, in the Ground floor, built on Schedule 'A' Property, having Super-built-up area of 1075 Sq. ft., including common area together with car parking space in the Basement floor along with 381 Sq. ft., of undivided share in land out of Schedule 'A' Property bearing no.21/3, Dookanahalli, Civil Area, BMP ward no.72, Bangalore and apartment known as "Meenakshi Enclave".

R. RAJALAKSHMI, Advocate
Nos.519 & 520, III Floor, Prabhat Complex,
K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph - 41247862 & 41224958

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT, my client intend to purchase of Schedule Property from the owner **SRI.AMRUTH.B.S.** alias Amruth.S.Kumar, S/o.Late.B.S.Shivakumar, having absolute ownership over the property described in the Schedule hereunder. It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client/s have negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, Mortgage, Sale, Conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, City Title Survey Number (CTS), transfer, Last Testament & Will, Lease Deed, Minor Rights, Tenancy, License, Lien, Charge, Trust, Maintenance, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof/s to the undersigned office within **15 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall proceed without any reference to such claim/s and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Ground Floor** premises of the Residential Property bearing Municipal **No.76,** having PID **No.46-5-76,** situated at 3rd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, measuring about **2250 Square Feet,** with all the right, title and with 50% undivided share or 1620 Square Feet or 15 Feet x 108 Feet of right, title, interest in all that piece and parcel of the land in the immovable residential property bearing amalgamated BBMP Khata No.76, PID No.46-5-76, totally measuring East to West: **30 feet** and North to South **108 feet** and bounded as follows: On the East By: **Property No.75,** West By: **Property No.77,** North By: **3rd Main Road,** South By: **Conservancy Lane;**

Sd/- **GANESH .B.R,** Advocate
GANESH LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocate & Solicitors
No. 217, 1st Floor, SLN Complex, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT, my client intend to purchase of Schedule Property from the owner **SRI.SHIVASHANKAR,** S/o. Late P. Subbarayappa, having absolute ownership over the property described in the Schedule hereunder. It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our clients have negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, Mortgage, Sale, Conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, City Title Survey Number (CTS), transfer, Last Testament & Will, Lease Deed, Minor Rights, Tenancy, License, Lien, Charge, Trust, Maintenance, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof/s to the undersigned office within **15 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall proceed without any reference to such claim/s and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **First Floor** premises of the Residential Property bearing Municipal **No.76/1,** having PID **No.46-5-76/1,** situated at 3rd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, measuring about **2250 Square Feet,** with all the right, title and with 50% undivided share or 1620 Square Feet or 15 Feet x 108 Feet of right, title, interest in all that piece and parcel of the land in the immovable residential property bearing amalgamated BBMP Khata No.76, PID No.46-5-76, totally measuring East to West: **30 feet** and North to South **108 feet** and bounded as follows On the East By: **Property No.75,** West By: **Property No.77,** North By: **3rd Main Road,** South By: **Conservancy Lane;**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of our client to bring to the notice of the general public that the original (1). Regd sale deed bearing doc No.3986/2011-12 dt 03.08.2011, (2). Khata certificate and extract dated 18.02.2011 (3). Approved building Plan dt 26.03.2011 and relevant property documents mortgaged with TATA Capital HFL are lost.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned documents, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Eastern Portion of **Site No.6,** Khata No.382/6/7 in Property No.382, situated at **Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West on the Northern side 24 ft 6 inch, on Southern side 22 ft 6 inch & North to South 30 ft and bounded as:

East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining portion of same Site No.6, North by: Site No.5, South by: Road.

D & M Law Associates, Advocates
Unit # 404A, Queens Corner Apartment,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that **Original Allotment Letter dated 12.12.1979** and **Original Possession Certificate dated 29.11.1980** has been lost in respect of Site No. 1483, measuring 111.42 Sq.mtrs. Situated at **17th 'A' Main Road, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase/Stage, Bangalore-560078.** All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Documents. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **10 days** from this present.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor,
5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar
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The General Public is hereby notified that Sri.Gopalaiah S/o Sri.Krishnaiah, residing at no.24, 1st Main Road, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Coconut Garden, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore – 560 072 is the owner of the Schedule Property described infra.

It is noticed that original sale deed dated 20.03.1998, bearing doc no.14812/97-98, executed by Sri.H.Muninanjappa and Sri.H.Srinivas rep by their GPA holder Sri.K.S.Moorthy, Vice-President of The Bangalore Telephones Employees, Co-operative Housing Society Limited in favour of Smt.N.Sudarsana W/o Sri.B.Kamalakar Reddy, registered at the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost / misplaced. In this connection, an E-Complaint has been lodged on 16.08.2022 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, bearing Serial no.293408.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original sale deed to the undersigned within 10 days from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the Sale Deed is irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost original for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing no.12, Katha no.63/2/166, situated at Sunkadakatte, Srigandadakaval Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40 ft., and North to South : 60 ft., in all measuring 2400 Sq. ft., together with one Square A.C. Sheet Roofed building and bounded as follows, on the East by: Site no.13, West by: Site no.11, North by : Road, South by: Site nos.20 & 21.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANGEETHA** Akhandeswar Pattar is legally wedded spouse of No.10480448K, Rank: PTR, Name: Irappa Badiger presently residing at Hunnur (Vil), Hunnur(PO), Jamkhandi (Teh), Bagalkot (Dist), Karnataka - 587119 that have declared to change my name from Sangeetha Akhandeswar Pattar to Sangeetha Badiger vide Affidavit dated 12.08.2022 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

I, **AKSHATA** Wadeyar is legally wedded spouse of No.10490437X, Rank: PTR, Name: Raju Kurihuli presently residing at Kanasageri (Vil), Thavaga (PO), Gokak (Teh), Belgaum (Dist), Karnataka - 591101 that have declared to change my name from Akshata Wadeyar to Akshata Raju Kurihuli vide Affidavit dated 12.08.2022 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

I, **Nagesh** Shivala S/o Rajaiah S, R/o: 3072 Tower 3 Prestige Lakeside Habitat, Gunjur Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru-560087, changed my minor Son name from Sushruth Shivala to Aastheek Shivala for all purposes.

I, **SUDHINDRA.K** S/o Kumaraswamy R/o Achuth Enclave Flat. No.106, 2nd Main, 15th Cross, Annapoorneshwari nagar, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru 560091 have changed my name to SUDEEP.K affidavit Dt.17/08/2022 notary K.V Mani, Bengaluru.

I, **SANYAM** S/o. Ravinder Kumar, R/at No.162, Gali Number 8-9, Jawahar Nagar, Hisar, Haryana - 125001 have changed my name to Sanyam Tomar vide Affidavit dated 17.08.2022 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL., CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS COURT, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-29)

O.S. No. 25534 of 2021

BETWEEN :

M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd;
Having its Regd. Off., at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri.Pramodh G, S/o. Gurumallappa.B.
...Plaintiff

VERSUS

Mr. Vijay Budhathoki,
Aged about 29 years,
S/o. Mr. Bheshraj Budhathoki Residing at No. 2295, Shivashakti 1st Floor, 3rd main, 3rd Cross, Ganesh Temple, Kammanahalli, Bangalore- 560084.
...Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT/S

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.3,46,535/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five Only) together with future interest at 16.00%, you are hereby summoned to appear in the Court of the Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore, in person or by pleader on the 20th day of September, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/ application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 11.08.22

By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No.60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M.Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051.

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(Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-29)

O.S. No. 25614 of 2020

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068.
Reptd. by its Manager : Sri. Pramod. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B.

Defendant :
Mr. H.N Ashwinkumar,
Aged about 38 years
S/o. Mr. Hassanji Narsojirao Residing at Janani Nilaya, Ground Floor, S.V. Layout, Basavanna Nagar Main Road, Hoodi, Bangalore-560 048.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 5,10,598/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) together with future interest at 15.45%, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 29th day of 09 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/ application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 11/08/2022.

By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Sd/
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate 60, G-3, Ground Floor M.M.Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

In the Court of the I Addl. Dist. Judge Guntur, Guntur Dist., Andhra Pradesh

MVOP No: 797 / 2017

Between :
Nagireddy Hanimi Reddy. ...Petitioner
and
M. Maghijar & Others ...Respondents

To
R-2:Gouse Modin, No.10, 8th Cross,Tilak Nagar, Bengalore South - 560041, Karnataka State.(Owner of Lorry bearing No. KA04 C 5114).

Please take notice that the above petitioner filed a claim Petition before the above said Hon'ble court for compensation and the Hon'ble court ordered notice to you number of times, but you intentionally evade to receive the said notice. At last the Hon'ble court ordered notice to you by way of this paper publication. Hence you are here requested to appear before the Hon'ble court on **30-08-2022** at10-30 AM, either in person or through advocate failing which the matter will be decided in your absence as ex-party.

Hearing Date : 30-08-2022

K. V. RAMANA REDDY
Advocate for Petitioner
Guntur, A.P. Cell: 9848111019

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH-61)

P & SC No. 567/2022

Between: 1. Smt. G K Subhashini, W/o K.J Pravashwaran, Aged 43 Years, Residing at: No.21, Saraswathi Ammal Road, MaruthiSevanagar, Bengaluru - 560033.

2. Smt. Ragini G, W/o Devarajan N, Aged 41 Years, Residing at No. 17, Valumurugan Street, Near HDFC Bank, Kamarajanagar Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu - 600071. ...Petitioners

AND : NIL ...Respondents

WHEREAS, the above named petitioners has/have made a petition in this court (CCH-61) Under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, praying for issue Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.1 and 2 in respect of suit schedule properties as below mentioned schedule left by the deceased G Krishna Murthy. Interested parties hereby warned to appear in this court in person by their pleader duly instructed **on 06/09/2022 in forenoon at 11 AM** to show cause against the petition failing which the matter will be heard and determined as per law. Treating no claim by any person.

SCHEDULE - A

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the land situated at Door No. 17, Vageswaran Street, Puzhithivakkam, Chennai-91 comprised in Survey No. 88/9, Plot No. 17-B, Thalakanachery Village, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District, bounded on:

East by: Plot No. 17-A, **West by:** 20 feet wide Road, **North by:** Plot No 18, **South by:** 10 feet wide common passage and Plot No. 16 Measuring an extent of 1650 sq. ft.

Item No. 2: The property conveyed is 536/1650th undivided share in Schedule Item No.1.

Item No. 3: Flat in the first floor, having plinth area of 652 sq.ft, or the apartment known as **"Krishna Apartments",** together with 1/8th undivided share, common passage out of 510 Sq.Ft and other amenities in the said apartment.

SCHEDULE - B

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant Site No.27, in layout named Rathinagar, formed in Sy.No. 360/2A2, and Sy.No. 360/2B1, situated at Karadikol Village, Thirumangalam Taluk, Chakkampoorani Sub Registrar's office, Madurai South Registration District, measuring East to West 90+93/2 Feet, North to South 34 Feet, total 3111 Sq.Feet i.e. 7 cents and 58 sq.feet and bounded on:

East by : Stream, **West by :** 30 feet Road, **North by :** Site No.26 Registered to Sunitha, **South by :** Nirmala W/o Sadasivam and Chandrashekaran's Plot.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 11th day of August 2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
Legal Aid Trust
Vidya Selvamony, Advocate

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ನಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜನಿಯರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಇವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seamನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ- ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ: (1) ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-1 (ವ.ಇಂ. 155079) 1) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಚಿಕ್ಕೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 2) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸೂಲೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಕಿತ್ತೂರು ರಾಣಿ ಚೆನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆವರೆಗೆ (ಮುರಾರ್ಜಿ ಶಾಲೆ) ವರೆಗೆ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 3) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಚಿಕ್ಕುಂತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 4) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ದೇವಸಮುದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 100.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (2) ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-2 (ವ.ಇಂ. 155338) 1) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬಾಂಡ್ರಾವಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 2) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮೇಲಿನಕಣಿವೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 3) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕೋನಸಾಗರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 4) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕೆ.ಕೆ.ಮಠ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 5) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೊಮ್ಮದೇವರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 100.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (3) ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-3 (ವ.ಇಂ. 155337) 1) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಂಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 2) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಂಪುರ (ಕುಬೇರನಗರ) ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 3) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಂಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 4) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಜೆ.ಬಿ.ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 5) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಎನ್.ಆರ್.ಕೆ. ಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 90.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. **ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ- ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 8443 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ:** (4) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ-150ಎ ತುಪ್ಪದಕ್ಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಕ್ರಾಸ್‌ನಿಂದ ಹೊಸೂರು ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಚಳ್ಳಕೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಬೆಳಗಟ್ಟ - ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ರಸ್ತೆಯ ವಯಾ ಬಂಡಾರ ಹಟ್ಟಿ - ಮರಹಳ್ಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155325). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (5) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಮಾಚೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ದೇವಸಮುದ್ರದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155056). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (6) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಅಶೋಕ ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155010). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (7) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಅಶೋಕ ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಕೋರಚರ ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155027). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (8) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155028). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (9) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಓಬಳಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಕೋನಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:154990). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (10) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ-150(ಎ)ಯಿಂದ ಮಲ್ಲೇಶರಪ್ಪ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಓಬಳಾಪುರ, ನಲ್ಲಾರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ, ಪಕ್ರುರ್ತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155310). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (11) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೋನಸಾಗರ - ನೇತ್ರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:154975). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (12) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಬನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಬಿ.ಜಿ.ಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155314). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (13) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಬನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155014). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (14) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೊಂಡ್ಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:154977). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (15) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೋನಸಾಗರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:154989). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (16) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಚಿಕ್ಕುಂತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155012). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (17) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನಕೋಟೆ ಬೋವಿಕಾಲೋನಿಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155033). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (18) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಯರ್ರೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೊಸೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155050). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (19) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಮಹಂತೇಶ್ ನಗರದ ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ರುದ್ರಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿವರೆಗೆ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155036). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (20) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಚಿಕ್ಕೇರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಅಮಕುಂದಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155043). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (21) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಪಕ್ರುರ್ತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಆರ್.ಕೆ.ಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155022). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (22) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ರೊಪ್ಪ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155030). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (23) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ನೇರ್ಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ರಾಯಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155015). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (24) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ನಾಗಸಮುದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಕಾಶಿನ್ನಯ್ಯ ಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ಎ.ಕೆ.ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಶಾಲೆವರೆಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155315). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. **ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 8443 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ:** (25) ಎಸ್.ಸಿ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-1 (ವ.ಇಂ. 155336) 1) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಮಸಾಗರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ 2) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಂಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ (ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ಗದದ) ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (26) ಎಸ್.ಸಿ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-2 (ವ.ಇಂ. 155068) 1)ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮದ್ದಹಳ್ಳಿ (ಗುಡ್ಡಹಳ್ಳಿ) ಹಾಗೂ ಅಬ್ಬೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (27) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ವೆಂಕಟಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ತಿಮ್ಮಲಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:155020). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (28) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಊರ್ಥಾಳ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಜೆಲ್ಲಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155304). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (29) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ರಾಯಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಿಂದ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವುದು (ವ.ಇಂ.:155046). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (30) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನಕೋಟೆ (ಕಿತ್ತೂರುರಾಣಿ ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆ) ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಸೂಲೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155307). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (31) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಬೊಮ್ಮದೇವರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ಮೇಲಿನಕಣಿವೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155292). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (32) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಮೇಲಿನಕಣಿವೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಬೊಮ್ಮದೇವರಹಳ್ಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155328). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. **ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 8443 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ:** (33) ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್-1 (ವ.ಇಂ. 155069) 1) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರಾಯಾಪುರ (ಕಾಟಪ್ಪಯ್ಯನಹಟ್ಟಿ) ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (34) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಮಾರಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.:154987). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (35) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಣಕುಪ್ಪ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಕ್ರಾಸ್‌ನಿಂದ ಬೊಮ್ಮದೇವರಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155327). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (36) ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ವೆಂಕಟಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಿಂದ ವಿಠಲಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ವ.ಇಂ.: 155326). ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 1 ರಿಂದ 3ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.08.2022 ಸಮಯ 17:30. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 22.08.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:00. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 23.08.2022 ಸಮಯ 16:01. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ: 25.08.2022 ಸಮಯ 11:00.

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State sees over 1,300 dengue cases, four deaths in a month

20% of Karnataka's total cases this year has been reported in Bengaluru

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

With a gradual increase in new COVID-19 infections, Karnataka is also witnessing a spurt in dengue cases. Till August 17, the State reported 4,738 dengue cases and four deaths.

According to data from the State Health Department, all the four deaths have been reported in the last one month alone. While two of the deaths are from Udupi, one each has been reported from Vijayapura and Chickballapur.

The State added 1,354 cases to this year's dengue tally in the last one month alone. In 2021, the State had reported 7,189 cases from January to December and five deaths. Concerned over the rise in cases, the Health Department has sought the State COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) guidance in tackling vector-borne diseases too.

With 20% of the State's total cases this year being reported in Bengaluru, the city continued to record the highest number of positive cases. From 351 cases in July, Bengaluru's dengue tally has nearly tripled to touch 950 as on Wednesday.

Hospitals in the city are getting over 20 patients with suspected dengue almost every day. Doctors said they are seeing four-five admissions every day. This is a common scenario in most hospitals for the past three weeks as there is also a surge in viral fever and related ailments. Doctors at the State-run Victoria and K.C. General Hospitals said they see over 20 patients every day with viral fever and dengue-like symptoms.

"Of these, on an average 10 test positive for dengue and four-five require admissions every day," said a senior doctor from the Department of Medicine at Victoria Hospital.

Attributing the spurt to the huge surge in density of mosquito population, S.N. Aravinda, Consultant - Internal Medicine at Aster RV Hospital, said he has been admitting at least two patients with dengue daily since the past few weeks. "This can be attributed to variations in climate among other factors. The patients are mostly adults aged between 25 and 40. Special care should be taken to protect children from mosquito bites. There is no vaccine against dengue. The only way is to prevent mosquito breeding," he said.

Pramod V. Satya, consultant (internal medicine) at Manipal Hospitals (Millers Road), said intermittent rains provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

"In the last two years, we had lockdowns and most of the people stayed indoors. Hence, the disease was under control," he said.

K.V. Trilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), attributed the dengue spurt to intermittent rains and resultant waterlogging. Stating that the number of cases this year are comparatively higher than compared to last year, the official said 1,643 cases had been recorded in 2021 in Bengaluru.

"After the lockdown, construction activities have resumed in the city where mosquito breeding is rampant. We have stepped up surveillance and intensified preventive measures. Door-to-door surveys are being regularly taken up to check larvae breeding in open water storage containers and create awareness on prevention," he said.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health), attributed the dengue spurt to intermittent rains and waterlogging. • FILE PHOTO

Year-wise dengue cases in State

- **2016** 6,083 cases, 8 deaths
- **2017** 17,844 cases, 10 deaths
- **2018** 4,848 cases, 4 deaths
- **2019** 18,183 cases, 17 deaths
- **2020** 3,823 cases, 0 deaths
- **2021** 7,189 cases, 5 deaths
- **2022** (so far): 4,738 cases, 4 deaths

Cases in districts

With 445 cases, Mysuru has recorded the highest number among districts other than Bengaluru. Mysuru is followed by Udupi (409), Dakshina Kannada (224), and Chitradurga (199).

'House panel members can't harass nursing institutes'

'Any action against institutes will have to be based on law'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Members of the Legislature House Committee (LHC) cannot be permitted to harass or threaten any legal action or issue any type of directions to nursing institutes in the process of their visit to gather information on whether the institutes are functioning in accordance with law, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

Also, the court said that no action can be initiated against nursing institutes merely based on the findings of the LHC while making it clear that any action against the institutes will have to be based on the provisions of the laws, under which the functions of the institutes are governed.

However, the court said that as the LHC has the power in law to take evidence or call for papers, records or documents for the purposes of its study, it has to be held that such power even includes the power to visit the institutes to study whether they are functioning in as per the law.

Justice M.I. Arun passed the order while dismissing the petitions filed by the Hyderabad-Karnataka Nursing Management Association, the Karnataka Nursing Institution Management Association, and the Karnataka State Association of the Management of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Institutions.

The petitioners had questioned the legality of the communication dated May 4, 2022 issued by the LHC authorising its sub-committees to physically visit the nursing institutes in all the districts to study their functioning.

The special LHC was set up last year following the debate in the Legislative Council over the issue that permissions were granted to several nursing institutes even though many of them had no requisite infrastructure. "In the process of studying the functioning of nursing colleges, the committee members cannot be permitted to harass the institutions and their visit should be strictly limited to study/collect evidence as to whether the colleges are subscribing to the prescribed standards," the court said.

The court also made it clear that the power of the committee to visit the institutes "does not empower the committee members to threaten any legal action or issue any type of directions to the nursing colleges". Further, it said the "committee is constituted only to study the functioning of the colleges and not to supervise or perform the function of authorities under various laws, which govern the functioning of nursing colleges". Any action against the erring institute can be initiated only under the provisions of the laws such as the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947, the Karnataka Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act, 1961, the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Act, 1994, etc., the court said.

BU staff against allotment of land to other institutions

They urge V-C to publish White Paper on varsity's total land

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The teaching and non-teaching staff of Bangalore University have urged the Vice-Chancellor (VC) to take necessary action not to allot land in Jnanabharathi campus to any institution.

They submitted a memorandum in the name of 'Bangalore University Ulisi Horata Samiti' to the V-C, Jayakara S.M, demanding to publish a White Paper on the total land given to the university by the government, encroached land, and land given on lease for various institutions by the university.

The samiti has decided to campaign and agitate against the land allotment, along with the students' union. "The government has given 1,112 acres of land to the Bangalore University and the varsity has given 297 acres to various institutions like Sports Authority of India, BASE, NLSIU, ISCE, and others. Around 139 acres is encroached and bio-park was formed over 307 acres. Only 269 acres remain for the university activities. In the 134th meeting of the University Syndicate, which was held on May 17, 2017, they had decided not to allot land in the Jnanabharathi campus to any institution," the samiti said in the memorandum.

It also alleged that the institutions which got land on the Jnanabharathi campus are violating the rights of Bangalore University students and employees by using the facilities on campus.

Various departments are working in a single building on the campus. The Department of Yoga has been operating out of two rooms for 20 years. However, 15 acres has been allotted to the Inter-University Centre for Yogi Sciences, they said.

Indian Bank to honour 116 achievers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Indian Bank, as part of its Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, will honour 116 achievers who have contributed to the country's growth. "The bank has taken initiative to honour 116 personalities who have been instrumental in bringing India this far in the evolutionary journey," a release said.

Some of the personalities include B.S. Ajaikumar Executive Chairman, HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd, Ms. Madhu Singhal, Founder and Managing Trustee, Mitra Jyothi, and Deepa Malik, athlete.

Four Indonesian patients undergo open heart surgeries at Jayadeva

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Promoting medical tourism, the State-run Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences has conducted four complex cardiac surgeries on patients from Indonesia. While all the four were discharged last week, another 15 from various countries including Indonesia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Sri Lanka have been lined up for surgeries.

The four patients, including three children, are from Medan City of North Sumatra Province in Indonesia. While the children were suffering from complex congenital heart diseases, the fourth patient, a 28-year-old woman, had Rheumatic Heart Disease with complications. All patients hail from poor families.

Institute director C.N. Manjunath said although doctors in Indonesia hospitals saw the patients, they were reluctant to conduct these surgeries. "We conducted the surgeries at subsidised costs. They were funded by Indonesian Rotary, Bangalore Rotary International District 3190 and Needy Heart Foundation (NHF). The patients were admitted on July 21 through NHF chairman O.P. Khanna and Rtn. Rajendra Rai," he said.

Patients from Indonesia with the doctors at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

While three-year-old William Bunda Jaya underwent a Ventricular Septal Defect Surgical Closure and Patent Ductus Arteriosus, five-year-old Osvaldo Lee underwent an Atrial Septal Defect device closure procedure. Three-year-old Marcello Arka Sean, underwent an Intra-Cardiac Repair for Tetralogy of Fallot. The woman, Indah Pratiwi Tanjung, underwent Mitral Valve Replacement surgery, the doctor said.

"Of every 1,000 babies, at least seven have complex congenital diseases more commonly in the form of Tetralogy of Fallot, heart holes, or narrowing of the valves. The usual symptoms of heart holes are fever, recurrent cough, common cold, pneumonia, growth retardation, bluish discoloration of skin and nails, and poor weight gain," Dr. Manjunath said.

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Two killed, 15 injured as bus overturns

The Mulbagal rural police rushed to the spot and supervised the rescue operations. The police have taken up a case and efforts are on to track down the driver and the conductor for further investigation.

Additional Commissioner (enforcement) of Transport Department C. Mallikarjuna said that reckless driving by the driver is suspected to have resulted in the accident.

"It is suspected that the driver was driving the vehicle recklessly and while negotiating the barricade that was put up, he lost control over the vehicle. Luckily, there were no other vehicles nearby. Otherwise the impact would have been much worse," the official said.

The official said 10 days ago, at Nangali checkpost, the RTO official had seized a bus run by the same operator for permit violations. The officials said, "For various violations, we had seized 12 private buses at Nangali and 3 in Indiranagar recently. Enforcement drive will continue against the violators.

Preparations on

An artist gives the final touches to an idol of Lord Krishna ahead of 'Krishna Janmashtami' festival, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • PTI

National anthem must in all schools, says govt.

'Should be sung during morning prayer'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State government ordered on Wednesday that singing the national anthem in all government, aided and private schools and colleges regularly in the morning mass prayer is compulsory.

Although the Government Order is in force, some private schools in Bengaluru have ignored it, and the government has received complaints about this, the Order says.

The deputy directors of the Department of Public Instruction, Bengaluru-North and South, had visited some private schools and confirmed that singing national anthem in the morning prayer was not happening in some institutions.

Lack of space

According to the Karnataka Education Act, 1983, section-7(2)(G)(i), respecting the national flag and singing national anthem regularly in the morning mass prayer in all the schools is compulsory. The Order says in case of lack of space, the anthem should be sung in the classrooms.

Power supply to be affected

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

There will be intermittent power supply on August 18 and 20 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in view of carrying out maintenance work. The areas that will be affected are: 220/66 KV Subramanyapura: Gubbalala, part of Uttarahalli, ISRO Layout, Maruthi Layout, Bharath Layout, Doddakallasandra Industrial Area, Agara, Kumaraswamy Layout, Vittal Nagara, Yadalam Nagara, Maruthi Nagar.

Power supply will also be affected on Thursday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 KV KC Valley sub-station. The areas are: Challgutta, B. Nagasandra, NAL Road, S.R. Layout, N.R. Layout, P.R. Layout, Rustum Bagh, K and C Valley, Yemalur Logica, Epsilon Layout, Kempapura, Pearl Paradise Layout and surrounding areas.

Educational institutions free to celebrate Ganesha festival: Minister

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Department of School Education and Literacy Minister B.C. Nagesh's statement about worshipping of Ganesha in schools and colleges on the occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi went viral on social media on Wednesday.

The Minister had told some media, "We have given the freedom to schools and colleges to place (Ganesha) as they were practising earlier. It's a practice of uniting society."

'A movement'

Later, speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Nagesh clarified, "We should not treat Ganesha festival as a religious programme. It is a movement. It has been celebrated since before Independence and this festival will unite the people. That's what I said - that educational institutions are free to perform Ganesha pooja and celebrate the festival on the occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi."

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BJP elevates Yediyurappa with eyes set firmly on Assembly polls

Central leadership wants to address present disconnect between party organisation and the government, besides retaining its Lingayat vote base in full

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BJP veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa's appointment to the Parliamentary Board, the party's supreme decision-making body, and also the Central Election Committee clearly shows that the party central leadership has set its eyes firmly on the next Assembly elections in Karnataka which are just about eight months away.

More than harnessing the 79-year-old leader's potential at the national level, what is evident is an effort to revive the party organisation and its poll prospects in Karnataka by actively involving him in poll preparations and sending a message that the Lingayat strongman has not been ignored by the party, feel BJP insiders in Karnataka. The party may also try to use him in campaigning in the neighbouring States.

The party central leadership is said to be concerned over the apparent disconnect between the party organisation and its government in Karnataka. A majority of the prominent Ministers have not been able to strike a chord with the party organisation, while senior leaders lack the image to influence the government. While this has hit the morale of party workers, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is yet to emerge as a rallying point for them, despite his administrative experience and political exposure. Central leaders are said to be concerned as all this may hamper poll preparations.

State BJP leaders, including Nalin Kumar Kateel and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, greeting B.S. Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The central leadership is keen on filling the gap between the party and the government by elevating Mr. Yediyurappa, known for dynamism say, party leaders.

Also, the party is said to be keen on retaining its Lingayat vote base as the Opposition Congress is aggressively wooing OBCs and SC/STs. The party did not want to take any chances ahead of the Assembly elections as its present set of Lingayat leaders, including the Chief Minister, could not ensure the party's victory in some of the Lingayat-dominant constituencies in the earlier bypolls. Hence, the central leadership has roped in Mr. Yediyurappa, who is considered a strong Lingayat leader, sources in the party said.

The ruling BJP, which was going strong earlier in Karnataka, is now facing the anguish of its own party workers who have questioned the party leaders' commitment in ensuring their safety especially after communal killings in Dakshina Kannada district. Soon after, Shivamogga district has witnessed incidents of assault on Independence Day, raising questions on the law and order situation in the State. What has embarrassed the BJP is the "admission" by its Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy in an audio clip that the "government in Karnataka is not functioning, but somehow being managed."

Cong. show of strength

While the BJP is finding it tough to lift the spirit of its party workers, the Opposition Congress managed to put up a show of strength during the birthday of its leader Siddaramaiah recently in Davangere and the Independence Day march in Bengaluru. The BJP central leadership is trying to put the party back on the track of serious preparations for the next Assembly elections and galvanise the party cadre by elevating Mr. Yediyurappa. Meanwhile, party national organising general secretary and key strategist from Karnataka B.L. Santhosh continues to be in both the supreme committees of the party.

7 FIRs registered in connection with Savarkar portrait row

Shivamogga, which saw three stabbing cases, returns to normality

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Shivamogga police have registered seven cases, including three with regard to the assault on youths, since the row over displaying the portraits of V.D. Savarkar began in the city on August 13. Meanwhile, Shivamogga limped back to normality on Wednesday, with schools and colleges open and most commercial establishments back to business.

Three youths have been assaulted in different incidents reported since August 13. The assaulted are Prem Singh, Saddam Hussain Jamkhandi, and a 17-year-old boy. Many BJP leaders have visited to enquire about the condition of Prem, who was stabbed by a group of people near Gandhi Bazaar soon after clashes broke out on August 15. The other two have been discharged from hospital.

Prem, 20, was stabbed while returning home after closing the shop where he works as a labourer. The police have arrested four accused, including Mohammed Jabi, whom the police nabbed after shooting at him on Tuesday morning.

Saddam, 19, was assaulted by a group of people at Uppar Keri while he was returning home from the metal store at Gandhi Bazaar where he worked. He told the media that a group of people stopped his two-wheeler, asked his name and then started assaulting him. "They hit me on my neck and back with sharp objects," he said. The attackers let him go as they noticed a police vehicle passing by. Saddam later reached home with the help of local people and then filed a complaint.

A 17-year-old boy was assaulted on August 13, the day when the row over displaying Savarkar's photo began. A couple of people had objected to the display of the portrait at the City Centre Mall and had got it removed. Later, a group of BJP followers staged a protest, demanding the arrest of those who objected to the photo.

The victim's uncle Zakir Hussain, who filed the complaint with Doddapete police, told *The Hindu* that his nephew had been to the mall to have snacks. "There was a gathering of people for a protest who asked his name. As soon as he told them his name, he was assaulted by the group. Fortunately, the police nearby rescued him and took him to the station," he said.

Plaints by govt. officials

Besides these three cases, four more complaints have been filed by government officials. The first complaint was filed on August 13 by Pramod H.P., an official of the Shivamogga City Corporation, against people who objected to the portrait of Savarkar at the mall. M.D. Sharief, a social activist, has been arrested in the case.

Following the clashes on August 15, the police registered two cases. Roopesh, a police official, filed a complaint against eight to 10 people who placed a hoarding of Savarkar, disobeying the instruction by the police. The police had warned them against putting up the hoarding as it could disturb peace. Ravindra Prasad, also a police official, filed a case against four unknown people who removed the hoarding which had Savarkar's photo.

Manjunath Kuri, PSI of Vinoba Nagar, filed a complaint against Mohammed Jabi, who allegedly attempted to stab him in an attempt to escape. This reportedly forced the police official to shoot at the accused and arrest him.

Husband arrested when he was at home: Shabana

Police claim he was shot at when he tried to escape after attempting to stab a policeman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

"The police took my husband into custody when he was having dinner at home, but later blindfolded him and shot at him," Shabana, wife of Mohammed Jabi, has alleged in Shivamogga.

The police shot at Mohammed, 30, an accused in the stabbing case, and arrested him in the wee hours of Tuesday. He tried to escape after attempting to stab a policeman and that forced the police to open fire, as per the police version. He has been arrested on the charge of stabbing Prem Singh, 20, on August 15.

Ms. Shabana told the media on Tuesday that five policemen visited her house around 9.45 p.m. on August 15. Mohammed was having dinner then and the police took him into custody. At her request, the police allowed him to wash his hands before leaving home. "I asked the police why they were taking him. They said they would send him back soon. The policemen had come on two bikes. They made my husband sit in between two policemen on a bike and left," she said.

An hour later, two policemen came to her house and took his phone. "By morning, I learnt through the media that he had been shot at. I rushed to the hospital and spoke to my husband. I got to know that late in the night he was blindfolded and shot at," she said.

"The police are telling the media that he was shot at as he tried to escape after attempting to stab an officer. How could he get a knife when the police took him into custody at home? If he wanted to escape, he would not have stayed at home in the first place," she said. The couple has two daughters and a son. Mohammed was driving an autorickshaw for his living. "He is not associated with any organisation. We are all worried about his health. If he has committed any crime, let the law take own its course. But, how can the police shoot at him?" she asked.

MLA: Clash in Bhadravati was over gambling

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Claiming that the assault reported in Bhadravati was the result of personal enmity, B.K. Sangameshwara, local MLA, on Wednesday said he would quit politics if the BJP proved it was a communal clash. The Congress MLA told mediapersons in Bhadravati said that Sunil was assaulted by Mubarak while they were gambling.

"BJP leaders are adding a communal colour to the incident. They are making efforts to divide people as the Assembly elections are approaching," he alleged.

Cooperation Dept. orders probe into discrepancies in release of loans to farmers by DCC banks

Somashekar says investigation will reveal whether Law Minister's recent comments were true or not

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Cooperation Department has ordered a departmental probe into allegations by ruling BJP MLAs and Ministers about gross discrepancies in the release of loans in a few Assembly constituencies in Kolar, Chickballapur, and Tumakuru districts and bribes being sought for the release of loans with zero per cent interest to farmers and SHGs by District Credit Cooperative (DCC) Banks and Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS).

Minister for Cooperation S.T. Somashekar on Wednesday told presspersons that the department's Additional Registrar G.M. Ravindra had been asked to conduct the probe within 15 days and submit a report to him.

BJP Ministers, including Health and Family Welfare Minister K. Sudhakar, have alleged that members of SHGs and farmers in only a few Assembly constituencies in Kolar and Chickballapur districts received loans with zero per cent rate of interest. A few leaders had also complained that officials had been seeking ₹1,300 from each beneficiary for releasing loans of short, medium, and long terms, with zero per cent rate of interest.

The Cooperation Department has set aside a target of releasing ₹24,000 crore in 2022-23 for 33 lakh farmers and SHGs in the State.

Mr. Somashekar said there were 21 DCC banks and he had received complaints only from Kolar, Chickballapur, and Tumakuru districts with regard to discrimination in the release of loans to beneficiaries in some segments and alleged seeking of bribes for release of loans.

Responding to Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy's comments made in an audio clip, Mr. Somashekar said that the probe would reveal whether the Law Minister's comments were true or not. On August 13, an undated phone conversation between Mr. Madhuswamy and a Channapatna-based social worker went viral. The caller complained that the VSSN Bank was fleecing farmers. Mr. Madhuswamy was heard saying that Mr. Somashekar had not taken action. "We're not running a government here; we're just doing management, pulling through for the next 7-8 months," he is heard as saying.

Mr. Somashekar chaired a meeting with Tejaswi Surya, MP, and Ravi Subramanya, MLA, the Enforcement of Directorate, the RBI, and department officials to discuss ₹1,294 crore fraud in the Raghavendra Cooperative Bank in Bengaluru. It was decided that documents would be returned within 10 days to those defaulters who come forward to repay the loans of the bank.

'Bring more services under Grama One'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

With a view to providing civic services at gram panchayat level, Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai has instructed officials to add more services to Grama One centres to strengthen them.

Chairing a review meeting of the Department of e-governance here on Wednesday, he asked officials to identify the services that could be provided at Grama One centres, discuss them with the departments concerned and then take necessary steps. The specialised services must be restricted to the districts concerned. Opportunities could be created to offer micro-banking, LPG booking, and other services at the centres, said a release from the Chief Minister's office.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IVth ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, COURT HALL No.21

E.X. No.25127/2021

DECREE HOLDERS:
Shyla Wilson and Another

-:Versus:-

JUDGEMENT DEBTORS:
1) M/S INDUS CONSTRUCTION CONSORTIUM PVT. LTD, Having its Registered Office at No.29, Goppalyam, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, CPV Block, Ganganagar, Bangalre-560 032.
2) SRI R. MANOJ, Major, Son of Ramachandra Iyer, Residing at No.29, Goppalyam, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, CPV Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560 032.
3) Sri P.G CHANDNIVAS, Major, Son of Ramachandra Iyer, Residing at No.29, Goppalyam, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, CPV Block, Ganganagar, Bangalre-560 032.

NOTICE TO JUDGEMENT DEBTORS

WHEREAS the above named Decree Holders have instituted the above petition seeking Execution of the Award dated 14/2/2017 passed by the **Arbitral Tribunal of Shri Vishwanath V Angadi, Sole Arbitrator** in A.C.No.110/2016 on the file of the Arbitration & Conciliation Centre, Bengaluru (Domestic & International) for a sum of **Rs.47,96,000/- (Rupees Forty seven lakhs ninety six thousand only).**

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **15th day of September, 2022** at 11.00 am in the forenoon to answer the same failing which the suit will disposed of *ex parte*.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 22nd day of June, 2022

ADVOCATES FOR DECREE HOLDERS
Messrs Rego & Rego
N-509, Manipal Centre,
#47/73, Dickenson Road,
Bangalore-560 042.

By Order of the Court
Sd/-
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall Unit
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients Smt. Poornima. M, D/o Manjunath. H W/o. Deepak Kumar. M, Aged about 37 years, And Sri. Deepak Kumar M, S/o Balakrishna Shetty M, Both R/a 33, Manjushri Nilaya, 3rd main, 3rd cross, Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore- 72.

It is hereby informed to the General Public that any person/bank, financial institutions etc., having any claim, charge, mortgage, right, title and interest etc., in respect of the schedule property or any part thereof are hereby requested to make the same known to the under signed in writing supported by document/s within a period of **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claim of such person will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and my clients will proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction with its owners.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property Southern side portion of bearing No.59, Khaneshumari No.2017/59, Mallathalli Village Gramatana No. 1914, presently comes under the jurisdiction of the BBMP Jnanabharathi ward No.129, BBMP Katha No.247/59/2017 measuring East to West 47 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1410 with structure situated at Mallathalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and bounded on :- **East by :** Road, **West by :** property No.60, **North by :** half Portion of property No.59, **South by :** property No. 58.

Address for Service:
B. S. NATARAJA, Advocate,
B.S.N. & Associates, No. 113, 1st Floor, South Wing, Opp. Suguna Theatre, Kuruba Sangha Building, Y. Ramachandra Road, Ganthinagar, Bangalore - 560009.

ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಒಂದನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಡಾ: ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ವೀಧಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001. ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080-22374981/2235778.

E-mail ID: om.dwcd@gmail.com

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಜಾಲಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ವಾಹನಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಬಾಹ್ಯಮೂಲದಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ E-Procurement ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ವರ್ಷ ಅಥವಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ ತಿಳಿಸುವ ಮುಂದಿನ ಅವಧಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಆರ್ಹ ವಿಚಿಸ್ಟಿದಾರರನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ (KTTP), 1999 ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ E-Procurement ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.08.2022 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.08.2022 (ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ) ವರೆಗೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು, www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-01 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 22374981/2235778.

ಸಹಿ/- ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that our client intends to purchase and develop the immoveable properties more fully set out in the Schedule given below owned by Owners mentioned therein who declare that they are absolute owners and are in continuous possession of the properties.

Any person/s, institutions, banks etc. whomsoever having any valid right, title and interest or charge/ claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, shall write to Undersigned along with the documentary proof of such ownership or claim on the Schedule Property **within 15 days from the date of this notice,** failing which it shall be deemed by our Client and its/his nominees that Schedule Property is free of all encumbrances, charges, claims, interest of whatsoever of any nature and our client shall proceed aforesaid transaction with the owners as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing following survey numbers situated at **Manchanayakanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramnagar Taluk, Ramnagar District** totally ad-measuring **06 Acres,** and bounded as follows:

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Owner's Name	Acres	Boundaries			
				East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	79 (Old Sy No. 16)	Smt.Narasamma (wifeof late Muniyappa) and others	03	Sy No.16	Sy No.53	Sy No.78 (Old No.16)	Sy No.61
2.	78 (Old Sy No. 16)	Smt. Venkatamma (Wife of late Lakkappa) and others	03	Sy No.16	Sy No.16	Sy No.16	Sy No.79

Vaishali Basawanal, Advocate
GURU PUNVAANII PROPERTIES
14, 1st Floor, 9th Avenue, 3rd Cross, NS Iyengar Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020, Ph : 080-42133343.
Date: 18-08-2022 Place: Bangalore

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur – 591302

"SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION"
(Through e-Procurement only)

The tender invited under this office Notification No: This Office Tender Notification No:KNNL/KPD/PB/TND/BGM/RWS/Call-2/2022-23/721 Date: 16.08.2022

Ref:KNNL/KPD/PB/TND/BGM/RWS/2021-22/1531 Date: 15.02.2022

1.Percentage rate tender is invited from eligible Class-I PWD/KNNL Category III & above contractors registered in KPWD through e-procurement portal according to standard tender document rules in prescribed form on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bangalore. Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in/eportal/index.seam and last date for bids submission through e-portal is on dated 26.08.2022 till 16.00 PM for the following works.

SL No:1:Name of Work:Improvements of road from Mastamaradi-Basarikatti main road to Vari Nala, Mastamaradi-Tarihal road to Vari Nala in Masatamaradi Village and Construction of CC road at in Halaga, Tarihal and Shaganamatti Villages in Belagavi Taluka (W.I. No.32740)/CALL-2, Amount put to tender (In Lakhs):222.81.

2. The Pre-bid Meeting will be held in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division Khanapur on 20.08.2022 at 11.00hrs, 3. The Technical Bid will be opened on : 29.08.2022 at 16:00 hrs at the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur

4. The Financial Bid will be opened will be opened on : 30.08.2022 at 16:30 hrs at the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur, 5.Name of the Division for Contact: Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur–591302 (Ph. No. 08336 – 222163). 6. For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.knnlindia.com or contact the EE, KPD, Khanapur during office hours on any working day. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling / rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. 7.Further information can be had from the under signed during the office hours on telephone 08336-222163 and HP company helpline (080)25501216.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-723/MCA/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

RESPECTFUL HOMAGE
TO IMMORTAL HUMANITARIAN
Punyasmarane : 18-8-2022

Late Sri C.M. NAGARAJ
Born: 9-3-1942 | Expired: 18-8-2008
Founder Chairman,
East West and S.V.N.
Group of Institutions,
Bengaluru.
Former Mayor, BBMP,
a great leader, Pioneer,
Visionary, Educationalist,
Philanthropist & Inspirer.

We earnestly pray God to rest his soul in peace.
Family members, Management,
Principals, Staff Members,
Students, Relatives & Friends.

SVM-20203-ENG

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Remembrance

Sri.S.Santhanam
(Retd. Bank of Baroda)
02.10.1939 - 18.08.2021
As a Paropakari you've touched countless lives and still walk beside us.
Evergreen in our memory.
Fondly Remembered by
Family and Friends

Godavari flows above danger mark in Telangana

Bhadrachalam Agency on high alert; vehicles stranded on NH-30

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

The swollen Godavari continued to flow nearly one foot above the danger mark (third flood warning level) of 53 feet at Bhadrachalam on Wednesday evening following steady inflows from the catchment areas of its tributaries, including Indravati and Pranahita, prompting the official machinery to remain on high alert in Bhadrachalam Agency to meet any exigency.

The water level in the Godavari hovered above the danger mark throughout the day, oscillating between 54.30 ft and 54.60 ft, with about 14.97 lakh cusecs flow in the river recorded at 6 p.m.

Dozens of vehicles bound for Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh were stranded on the outskirts of Bhadrachalam due to flooding of a portion of the National Highway 30 near Nellipaka in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, sources said.

The TSRTC bus services between Bhadrachalam and parts of Telangana's tribal heartland spanning Dummugudem, Charla, Venkatapuram and Wazeedu mandals remained crippled due to overflowing of streams on various stretches of the main roads.

Life paralysed

The river is all set to create havoc in Andhra Pradesh. Life along river Godavari and the Sabari has been paralysed with scores of habitations remaining cut off.

Floodwater entered the habitations along the Sabari in Chintoor. The Chintoor-Bhadrachalam road totally was cut off without any possibility to ply bus and transportation services.

According to the Godavari Head Works Division, the second flood warning is in the force at Sir Arthur Cotton barrage and 15.12 lakh cusecs of flood water is being discharged into the Eastern and Central Delta.

By Thursday, the inflow is expected to rise at Dowleswaram.

In an official release, Eluru Collector V. Prasanna Venkatesh said that all the revenue and other officials had been on alert to tackle the flood situation.

Meanwhile, four workers died on the spot and three others were injured after they were hit by lightning while they were cutting eucalyptus plantation at Bogolu village under Jangareddygudem police division in Eluru district of Andhra Pradesh in the early hours of Wednesday. All the deceased belonged to Kakinada district.

On being alerted by the locals, the Dharmajigudem police rushed to the spot, which was in a forested area. "The incident occurred when 30 persons were engaged in cutting at a eucalyptus plantation. Three persons who survived the lightning are undergoing medical treatment in Eluru government hospital", incharge DSP Mr. Satyanarayana said.

The police have sent the bodies to Eluru government hospital for post-mortem. A case has been registered and investigation is on.

(With inputs from Rajamahendravaram and Eluru)

Not reachable: With raising flood level in Godavari, a few temples including Sri Anjaneya Temple were inundated in Bhadrachalam on Wednesday. •G.N. RAO

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Uttarakhand, Tripura, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over east Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.4	28.1	Kozhikode	–	31.6	24.4
Ahmedabad	55	29.3	24.8	Kurnool	–	35.0	24.8
Aizawl	–	28.4	22.3	Lucknow	–	35.0	26.6
Allahabad	–	36.5	26.4	Madurai	–	36.5	25.8
Bengaluru	–	29.5	21.1	Mangaluru	1.8	30.0	23.0
Bhopal	–	–	22.8	Mumbai	57	30.0	25.0
Bhubaneswar	4.2	34.9	25.6	Mysuru	–	32.0	21.0
Chandigarh	–	34.5	28.1	New Delhi	2	34.4	24.6
Chennai	19	34.5	24.5	Patna	–	35.3	27.2
Coimbatore	–	33.2	23.5	Port Blair	23	28.6	23.2
Dehradun	–	33.2	24.4	Puducherry	–	33.6	26.2
Gangtok	7	23.2	18.6	Pune	0.9	28.2	21.8
Goa	5	30.6	24.8	Raipur	–	33.5	25.4
Guwahati	–	36.3	26.4	Ranchi	–	31.2	22.3
Hubballi	–	28.0	21.0	Shillong	18	25.1	17.6
Hyderabad	–	32.7	23.0	Shimla	58	24.4	15.7
Imphal	–	32.5	21.2	Srinagar	–	26.8	19.6
Jaipur	28	30.0	23.6	Thiruvananthapuram	0.1	31.4	24.4
Kochi	–	30.2	25.4	Tiruchi	2	37.9	26.0
Kohima	1	26.6	16.4	Vijayawada	27	35.0	23.4
Kolkata	–	35.9	28.5	Visakhapatnam	–	32.6	27.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	51	21	.62	38	61	
Bengaluru	21	31	171	–	60	
Chennai	40	34	31	36	76	
Delhi	–	10	103	19	25	
Hyderabad	29	29	84	33	63	
Kolkata	7	17	24	68	105	
Lucknow	4	14	66	31	50	
Mumbai	26	–	55	20	267	
Pune	–	37	92	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	11	40	29	61	103	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Purnia, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 182 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 21.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

YSRCP impleads in freebies case in SC

NEW DELHI

In an impleadment application filed in the Supreme Court on Wednesday, the Andhra Pradesh's ruling party YSRCP said stringent action should be taken against the parties which rush disbursing scheme-related benefits to voters just before the polls. But there are parties that introduce "well-formulated programmes and it would be unfair to generalise those as freebies." The party sought to intervene in the freebies case being heard in the top court.

Row over judge's remarks on survivor's dress

Court's observation in a sexual harassment case creates public outcry in Kerala

K. S. SUDHI
KOCHI

The observation of the Kozhikode District and Sessions Judge recently that a survivor was wearing a "sexually provocative dress", while granting anticipatory bail to writer Civic Chandran in the case related to outraging the modesty of a woman, has created a public outcry in Kerala.

The court on August 12 granted anticipatory bail to the writer in the second sexual harassment case registered against him at the Koyilandy police station. The alleged incident occurred at Nandi beach on February 8, 2020. The court said the case was registered at the same police station after a case was registered against Mr. Chandran for allegedly attempting to molest a Dalit woman writer. He secured anticipatory bail in the first case on August 2.

While social media went into a tizzy over the court observation, legal circles feel that the legal premises of the bail order was flawed. The judge, it appeared, heavily relied on the dresses worn by the survivor to conclude that Section 354 (A) of the IPC (assault or use of criminal force to woman with the intent to disrobe her) will not *prima facie* stand against the accused.

The term "sexually provocative" is too general and a subjective one. There can't be any yardstick on what is sexually provocative or otherwise. Sexually provocative dressing cannot be construed as a legal ground for absolving an accused from the offence of outraging the modesty of a woman, judicial sources said. The right to decide on what to wear and how to wear is the natural extension of Article 21 of the Constitution which speaks about the right to life and personal liberty, they pointed out.

Faulty conclusion

The conclusion of the judge that the 74-year-old physically challenged man cannot forcefully "put the *de facto* complainant on his lap" and molest her, was a faulty one, and the act amounted to sexual overture.

The accused was not a bed-ridden person but an active one. The alleged act of the accused amounted to seeking sexual favours and the case should have been considered in that perspective, pointed out legal sources. Though the decision on granting bail is the discretion of the judicial officer, the judge can grant or deny bail only on the basis of well-considered legal principles. The legal option available for the survivor and the prosecution is to challenge the order before the Kerala High Court, sources said.

Kerala seeks review of SC order on ESZ

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Kerala on Wednesday sought a review of the Supreme Court's judgment to have a 1-km eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) ringing protected forests, national parks and wildlife sanctuaries across the country.

The State, represented by advocate Nishe Rajen Shonker, said the judgment would lead to massive displacement of people living in the vicinity of forest areas. Even worse, the judgment would strip thousands of Scheduled Tribe families and forest dwellers of their vested rights under the law.

Karnataka for restoration of customs duty at 110% on imported arecanut

Delegation led by Araga Jnanendra to meet Union Ministers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A delegation of arecanut growers, led by Karnataka Home Minister Aaraga Jnanendra, will meet Union Ministers, including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in Delhi on Thursday, seeking restoration of curbs on the import of arecanut from neighbouring countries.

Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Mr. Jnanendra, Arecanut Task Force Chairman, said the delegation would urge the Centre to restore the import customs duty on arecanut at 110% to safeguard the interests of growers of Karnataka.

Loopholes in notification

The crop is largely grown in Malnad and coastal districts of the State. The delegation said that some importers had found loopholes in the Central government notification issued in February 2022 and imported the commodity at ₹271 a kg without paying the import duty of 110%. Mr. Jnanendra urged the Centre to restore the customs duty at 110% on import of all varieties of arecanut.

Prior to the notification, the import of arecanut was 2,500 tonnes a month and now it jumped to 8,000 tonnes a month. The cost of one kg of arecanut had increased to 360 a kg, while the imported arecanut cost only ₹271 a kg, the delegation said in a memorandum.

Besides Ms. Sitharaman, the delegation is scheduled to meet Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Thomar, and Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje to discuss issues pertaining to arecanut growers.

Employment

Arecanut provides employment, both direct and indirect, to about six crore families. In Karnataka, 50 lakh people depend on the crop. It is a perennial crop and farmers cannot shift to others. If prices come down below ₹50,000 a quintal, then the cultivation of the crop becomes economically unviable and growers would face financial hardships, the memorandum said.

BJP MLA Haratal Halappa, former MLA D.N. Jeevaraj, Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Ltd. president Kishor Kumar Kodgi, and other senior officials of CAMPCO were the part of this delegation.

Wrist wonder

Women selecting bangles near Charminar in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Creasent Handicraft Artisans Welfare Association has filed an application for securing GI tag for lac bangles that are manufactured in the city. •NAGARA GOPAL

Strong enmity led to murder of CPI(M) worker: police

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The murder of CPI(M) Kunnakkad branch secretary and Marutharoad local committee member Shajahan in Kerala's Malampuzha on Sunday night was a result of strong enmity that a group of men harboured towards him, said the police here on Wednesday.

The police have rounded up eight persons in connection with the murder. All of them, said the police, had worked with Shajahan, and some of them kept away from party work after Shajahan became the branch secretary.

A special investigation team led by Palakkad Dy.SP. V.K. Raju picked up Sabareesh, Aneesh, Naveen, Sivarajan, Sidharthan, Sujeesh, Sajeesh and Vishnu. The arrest of four of them - Naveen, Sabareesh, Aneesh and Sujeesh - was recorded. The police said a few others were also involved in the murder.

The accused had reportedly opposed the high-handedness of Shajahan as party branch secretary and harboured hatred towards him for over three years.

They had raised flex boards of Ganesh festival and Sri Krishna Jayanti at Kalippara on Sunday. Shajahan had questioned Naveen wearing a rakhi friendship band on his hand, and removed it. Later, Naveen and his friends picked up an argument with Shajahan. Soon the accused went home and brought long knives and blades from home and hacked Shajahan.

The police said an investigation was on to ascertain if any other external forces played a role in the murder. The investigation team, however, refused to rule out the possibility of a political murder.

Pinarayi rolls out Kerala's cab service

Kerala Savari, India's first State-owned online taxi service, promises safe journey

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Kerala Savari, the country's first online taxi service owned by a State government, was rolled out in the State on Wednesday. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the online platform which promises 'fair and decent service to passengers and a reasonable remuneration to auto rickshaw and taxi workers.' An initiative by the Motor Workers Welfare Board under the leadership of the Labour department, Kerala Savari ensures safe travel for the public at government-approved fares.

Unlike other online platforms which switch to dynamic pricing during peak hours, there will be no fluctuation in fares on Kerala Savari. Kerala Savari charges 8% service charge, while for other online taxis, it is 20% to 30%.

Kerala Savari aims at offering a safe and reliable online service for women, children, and senior citizens. A police clearance certificate is mandatory for drivers joining the scheme. Further, to address the security concerns of passengers and drivers, a panic button system has been introduced in the online app. This button can be pressed in the event of a car accident or if under any danger.

Kerala Savari app is available on Playstore from Wednesday midnight. As many as 541 vehicles, including 321 autorickshaws and 228 cars, have already been registered in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation, where the first phase will be implemented.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan flagging off the 'Kerala Savari' online taxi service (seen at right) at a function in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. •S. MAHINSHA

Be vigilant against divisive forces, says Telangana CM

KCR continues his tirade against Modi government

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Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has cautioned people to remain vigilant to the moves by some forces that are out to divide the country on caste and communal lines.

The Chief Minister continued his tirade against Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central government, claiming that there is need for "qualitative change" in political scenario at the national level. He did not name the BJP or any other political party though.

"Constructing a building is an arduous task, but demolishing it is relatively easy," he said, adding full fruits of freedom could be enjoyed only in a society that is free of caste and communal differences.

K. Chandrasekhar Rao

The Chief Minister was addressing the people after inaugurating the newly constructed collectorate and administrative complex in Medchal-Malkajgiri district on Wednesday.

Though there were abundant natural resources, the inefficient and irrational policies adopted at the Central level had ensured that no other State was able to provide round-the-clock quality power to all sections. "How is our government able to provide water and power to all sections and why is this not happening in other places including the national capital, New Delhi?" he asked.

He attributed the achievement by Telangana to the corruption free administration in the State.

Finding a home

The established adoption process should not be bypassed to increase the numbers

Policy intervention without knowledge of the ground realities often ends up as an exercise in self-gratification for those in authority and results in little or no benefit for the intended target group. Wanting to do good must be matched by knowing the right thing to do in the circumstance, and in the case of children, be guided by child-centric policies. Whether the recent recommendation of a parliamentary panel to bring more abandoned children into the adoption process will fulfil these parameters is an issue that warrants further discussion. A recent report, "Review of Guardianship and Adoption Laws", by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Law and Justice has pointed to the huge mismatch between the number of people wanting to adopt children and the number of children legally available for adoption, and suggested that the way to remedy that would be to ensure that "orphan and abandoned children found begging on the streets... are made available for adoption at the earliest". To do so, it has suggested periodic district surveys to identify children who are orphaned/abandoned. The report argued that in a country with millions of orphans, only 2,430 children were available for adoption. It is true that there are always more people wanting to adopt children than the number of children actually available for adoption; it has been so historically, but the increasing chasm, as the report indicates, will undoubtedly have to be addressed. According to the report, there were 27,939 prospective parents registered with the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) as on December 2021, from nearly 18,000 in 2017. There were 6,996 orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children residing in childcare institutions considered adoptable, but only 2,430 were declared legally free for adoption by Child Welfare Committees. It claimed that the waiting time for adoption had increased to three years from one year, in the past five years. The total number of children adopted in 2021-22 was only 3,175.

But the process of adoption in the country was tightened – procedurally and legally – in response to rampant malpractices and inter-country adoption rackets. CARA was installed as the nodal body for in-country and inter-country adoptions, to monitor and regulate the process, ensuring through stringent rules that the adoption is in the best interests of the child, and no illegality is involved. While the parliamentary committee has interpreted that there is automatic happiness when a child in an institution is placed in a home, it is important to exercise caution. No doubt, the country should take care of its children orphaned due to circumstances, but even as it acknowledges that institutionalisation may be detrimental over the long term, it should pay equal attention to the finer aspects of child care, and allow itself to be guided by a child-centric philosophy. There are no shortcuts in ensuring orphaned children come to no harm.

Sudden death

Overzealous judicial intervention is no answer to bad governance in sports bodies

The suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) by world governing body FIFA represents a depressing low in the annals of Indian sporting history. The collective euphoria over the nation's fine performance at the Commonwealth Games was yet to fully die down when FIFA, late on Monday, wielded the sledgehammer citing "undue interference by a third party". The third party in question was the Supreme Court of India-nominated Committee of Administrators (CoA), formed in May to temporarily assume charge of AIFF and finalise a new constitution after the previous executive committee was deemed to have overstayed its tenure. The bone of contention was CoA's decision to give players 50% representation – with voting rights – in the new AIFF Executive Committee, on a par with State associations. FIFA's recommendation was 25% and it duly suspended AIFF, much to the chagrin of the CoA, which on Tuesday said that a middle ground was close to being found. The Court has now tasked the Union Government to engage with FIFA to break the logjam so that India does not suffer the ignominy of losing the hosting rights to the U-17 Women's World Cup in October. In addition, India's international friendlies, participation of its clubs in international competitions – Gokulam Kerala FC in the AFC Women's Club Championship and ATK Mohun Bagan in the AFC Cup – and developmental funds from FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation are all under threat.

It may be argued that the CoA was overzealous in what *prima facie* appeared a good-faith attempt to make players equal stakeholders in AIFF. But what is undeniable is the role of the erstwhile AIFF establishment, led by president Praful Patel, in triggering the crisis by holding on to power well past the 12-year tenure sanctioned by the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. Violation of norms concerning membership, age-limits and tenures as prescribed in the Sports Code is rampant in Indian sports; table tennis, hockey and judo have all been placed under court-appointed administrators in 2022. On Tuesday, the Delhi High Court brought the Indian Olympic Association under a CoA, relying on the Supreme Court order in the AIFF matter. If one has to knock on the doors of the higher judiciary to enforce a government-mandated code adopted for the overall benefit and health of the sport, it points to a sorry state of affairs. At a time when India is diversifying its sporting culture and producing newer champions, it can ill-afford administrators who bring the very game they claim to be custodians of into disrepute.

The geopolitics of the Fourth Taiwan Crisis

If China loses Taiwan for good, Beijing's attempts to establish regional hegemony would be complicated further

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At the 16th Supreme State Council Meeting on April 15, 1959, Mao Zedong told the delegates a story called 'The Cocky Scholar Sitting at Night'. A young scholar was reading in his room. A ghost, with its long tongue stretching out, appeared by the window. It wanted to scare the scholar. But the scholar took his ink brush, painted his face "as dark as that of Zhang Fei", the dreaded third century Han dynasty general, and stared back at the ghost with his tongue reaching out. The ghost eventually disappeared. Mao told this story to explain why he had ordered the shelling of the Kinmen and Matsu islands, lying along the mainland but governed by Taiwan, a year earlier. The ghost in Mao's story was the United States. "Never be afraid of the ghost. The more you are afraid, the more difficult it is to survive," he said.

A brief history

China's response to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan on August 2 reminds one of Mao's story. Its unprecedented military drills around the island and the repeated threats of using force for unification suggest that China's views on the Taiwan issue and the U.S.'s role in it have not changed a bit over the years, even though it never managed to scare away the "ghost" and had to make several tactical retreats in the past. Mao wanted to be the leader who achieved "national reunification". But he knew that it was practically impossible for the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which did not even have a proper navy in the early 1950s, to cross the Taiwan Strait and retake the island. Besides this, U.S. President Harry S. Truman's decision to send the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet to the Strait had created a buffer between the communist-ruled mainland and Kuomintang-held Taiwan. What he could do was to shell the Kinmen and Matsu islands, in 1954 and then in 1958, triggering the First and Second Taiwan Strait Crises. However, taking the island by force remained a distant dream.

By the time China started building military capacities (including a nuclear bomb), the geopolitical dynamics of the region had begun shifting. In the 1970s, faced with the Soviet problem, China's focus shifted to bettering its ties with the U.S. and, later, on its own economic development. The Taiwan issue was put on the back-burner without making compromises on the goal of unification. The issue would resurface in 1995 when Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui visited Cornell University in the U.S. China started military drills and missile tests in the Strait, triggering the Third Strait Crisis. But U.S. President Bill Clinton responded by sending U.S. aircraft carriers to the Strait, eventually forcing Beijing to de-escalate. For China, it was another crude reminder of the gap between its objectives and actual strength. "The ghost" was still the king of the Taiwan Strait.

New normal

Over the past 27 years, the regional situation has changed dramatically. If the Soviet Union brought China and the U.S. closer in the second half of the Cold War, the successor state of the Soviet Union, the Russian Federation, today, is not only one of China's closest partners but also a power that militarily challenges the U.S-led post-Cold War security architecture in Europe. If Mr. Clinton had confidently sent aircraft carriers to the

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Taiwan Strait in response to China's drills in the 1990s, U.S. President Joe Biden would not dare do that today without factoring in the possibility of a military conflict with the world's largest Navy. The sharpest manifestation of these changes was the Fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis, unleashed by China's response to Ms. Pelosi's recent visit to the island.

Mr. Biden has repeatedly said in recent months that the U.S. would come to Taiwan's defence if attacked. Every time Mr. Biden made the remark, the White House issued a statement explaining that the U.S.'s policy of strategic ambiguity (being ambiguous on the question of whether the U.S. would come to Taiwan's defence) had not changed. But Mr. Biden's repeated statements suggest that U.S. policy is becoming less and less ambiguous than certain. Against this already tense background, China viewed a visit by an American leader (who is second in the line of succession to the presidency) to an island which it sees as a breakaway province as a clear act of provocation.

For China, "the ghost" has been incrementally violating the *status quo*. And it responded by establishing a new normal. Its warships and jets breached the median line of the Taiwan Strait, rendering it meaningless. The drills were held in the territorial waters and airspace claimed by Taiwan. China's missiles flew over the island. As Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu put it, "China has openly declared its ownership of the Taiwan Strait."

China sees Taiwan as the last vestige of its "century of humiliation" that began with its defeat in the first Opium War (1839-42). And the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wants the island back for historical, political and geopolitical reasons. Historically, the Party sees Taiwan as always a part of China. It was a part of imperial China before it became a Japanese colony in 1895. When Japan was defeated in the Second World War, Taiwan was returned to the nationalist Republic of China, ruled by the Kuomintang. Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang supporters fled to Taiwan in 1949 after they lost the civil war to the communists in the mainland. Since then, Taiwan has remained a self-ruled island, while "national reunification" has stayed one of the most important promises and objectives of the CCP.

Politically, no Chinese leader, not even Xi Jinping who is arguably the most powerful leader since Mao, can compromise on the Taiwan question without damaging their authority, career and legacy. On the contrary, Mr. Xi, who is expected to get an unusual third term in the 20th Party Congress later this year, would like to go down in history as a leader who achieved what even Mao could not do.

On hegemony

Geopolitically, Taiwan is critical for China's great power ambition. No country can become a global superpower without establishing regional hegemony. The U.S. is protected by the world's two largest oceans – the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean – and has successfully established hegemony in the Western Hemisphere. The Soviet Union had enjoyed hegemony in the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea. On the contrary, China, despite its military capabilities, is a caged naval power in a crowded neighbourhood. And if it loses Taiwan for good, which is just 180 kilometres from its mainland, China's attempts to establish regional hegemony would be complicated further. So, it would like control of the island not only to fulfil a historical promise (political benefits for the leader or, as many have pointed out, taking control of the global semiconductor supplies), but also to shore up its geopolitical stature as a great power in the western Pacific. The question is whether China thinks the time has come to take risks to meet its objectives.

This does not mean that military action would be easy for China. Taiwan has been outside its control since 1949. Even if China takes Taiwan, keeping it under its thumb would be challenging, given the island's topography and nationalist groups. And there is no geographical contiguity from the mainland to Taiwan, which could continue to pose security challenges. Moreover, any strategic miscalculation would prove counterproductive to China's standing in the region, like what has happened with misadventurous peak powers in the past. But the counter-arguments are also equally persuasive.

China thinks the strategic environment around Taiwan has shifted to its favour, with a window of opportunity to make the move as the U.S. is caught in a triangular entanglement – its failures in the Muslim world, its desire to defeat Russia in Europe and a strategy to contain China's rise in the Indo Pacific. Once the structures of the new Cold War are in place and Taiwan emerges as a front line, it would be as difficult for China to get the island back as it was for the German or Korean unification under the communists. This is what is making the Fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis the most dangerous one.

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This maritime partnership is still a work in progress

It is far from clear whether India-U.S. ties are headed towards a comprehensive partnership in the Indian Ocean littorals

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The docking of the USNS *Charles Drew*, a United States Navy dry cargo ship, for repairs at an Indian facility in Chennai last week, marks an important first in the India-U.S. military relationship. Although bilateral strategic ties have advanced considerably over the past decade, reciprocal repair of military vessels was still a milestone that had not been crossed. With the arrival of *Charles Drew* at the Larsen and Toubro (L&T) facility at the Kattupalli dockyard, India and the U.S. seem to have moved past a self-imposed restriction.

Signs of a broader template

As some see it, a renewed sense of optimism now drives India-U.S. relations. During the bilateral 2+2 dialogue held in April this year, the two countries agreed to explore the possibilities of using Indian shipyards for the repair and maintenance of ships of the U.S. Military Sealift Command (MSC). In the weeks following that meeting, the MSC carried out an exhaustive audit of Indian yards, and cleared the facility at Kattupalli for the repair of U.S. military vessels.

The docking of a U.S. military vessel at an Indian facility has both functional and geopolitical implications. Functionally, it signals a more efficient leveraging of the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) – the military logistics agreement India signed with the U.S. in 2017. Thus far, India-U.S. cooperation under the pact had largely been confined to the exchange of fuel and stores during joint exercises and relief operations. With the arrival of a U.S. military vessel at an Indian dockyard, the template of logistics cooperation seems to have broadened. There is a good possibility now that India would seek reciprocal access to repair facilities at U.S. bases in Asia and beyond.

Many in India, meanwhile, are seeing the U.S. ship's docking as a global endorsement of Indian shipbuilding and ship-repair capabilities. In recent years, New Delhi has sought to showcase its private shipyards, in particular the L&T, which has developed significant ship design and construction capability at its yards in Hazira (Gujarat) and Kattupalli. At a time when the Indian Navy has taken delivery of the INS *Vikrant*, the country's first indigenously constructed aircraft carrier, the spirits of Indian shipbuilders are already riding high. As Indian observers see it, the presence of the USNS *Charles Drew* in an Indian dockyard is a boost for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make-in-India'.

The political signal

Politically, too, the development is noteworthy, as it signals a consolidation of the India-U.S. partnership, and the Quadrilateral (India, Japan, Australia and the United States) Security Dialogue. Despite its intention to strengthen logistics exchanges among Quad members, New Delhi has desisted from offering foreign warships access to Indian facilities. Notwithstanding the odd refuelling of foreign warships and aircraft in Indian facilities, India's military establishment

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has been wary of any moves that would create the impression of an anti-China alliance. Yet, Indian decision makers evidently are willing to be more ambitious with the India-U.S. strategic relationship. New Delhi's decision to open up repair facilities for the U.S. military suggests greater Indian readiness to accommodate the maritime interests of India's Quad partners.

For Washington, the strategic implications of the docking in India are no less tangible. This is an incremental step forward in the U.S. moving to bolster its military presence in the Eastern Indian Ocean. Recent assessments of the evolving security picture in the Indian Ocean point to the possibility of China's military expansion in the Asian littorals, holding at risk U.S. and European assets. Reportedly, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has been readying to play a more active security role in the region. New Delhi' s offer of repair services for U.S. military vessels could kickstart a process that would culminate in India opening up its naval bases for friendly foreign warships. At a time when New Delhi has shied away from backing the U.S. position in the Russia-Ukraine war, greater India-U.S. synergy in the Indian Ocean littorals could galvanise the supporters of closer bilateral ties. It would revive talk about the bilateral as a defining partnership in the Indian Ocean, and of India's potential to counter China in the Indian Ocean. Coming on the heels of the delivery of the first two U.S. manufactured MH-60R (Multi Role Helicopters) to India (with a third craft due to arrive later this month) the visit of the USNS *Charles Drew* has given Indian and U.S. observers much to be optimistic about.

CMF cooperation

Meanwhile, the Indian Navy has formally commenced its cooperation with the Bahrain-based multilateral partnership, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), as an 'associate member'. This comes months after India had announced its intention to join the grouping in furtherance of its regional security goals. India's political and military leadership is seeing this as a demonstration of Indian commitment towards the collective responsibility of ensuring security in the shared commons.

Indian analysts, however, ought not to overread developments, as extrapolating from perceived trends can often be misleading. The reality is that the India-U.S. relationship is still some way from crossing a critical threshold. For all the hype in the media surrounding India's membership of the CMF, the modalities of the engagement are still being worked out. The Indian Navy, it seems, has stopped short of formally joining the group, of which the Pakistan Navy is a key member. According to the CMF website, "associate members provide the assistance that they can offer, if they have the time and capacity to do so, whilst undertaking national tasking". This is not unlike India's earlier model of cooperation, whereby the Indian Navy worked alongside CMF and other security forces in the Western Indian Ocean on a need-to basis – all while operating independently, and under the broader banner of the United Nations. Despite increased engagement with the U.S. Navy, India's liaison officer at the U.S. Navy component (NAVCENT, or the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command) in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) is still the military attaché at the Indian Embassy in Bahrain.

Limited in scope now

Even with the docking of the U.S. vessel at Kattupalli, Indian analysts ought to recognise that the U.S. military sealift command has no warships. The MSC is charged with delivering supplies to U.S. bases, and deals only with transport vessels of the U.S. Navy. The agreement with India for the repair of U.S. military vessels is limited to cargo ships. U.S. decision makers are unlikely to seek Indian facilities for repair and replenishment of U.S. destroyers and frigates in the near future until New Delhi is clear about the need for strategic cooperation with the U.S. Navy.

By many accounts, then, the India-U.S. maritime relationship remains a work in progress. There has doubtless been some movement ahead, but it is far from clear whether navy-to-navy ties are headed towards a wide-ranging and comprehensive partnership in the Indian Ocean littorals.

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Concerns over ship

The docking of the Chinese satellite tracking vessel at Hambantota in Sri Lanka needs to be viewed beyond an India versus China hypothesis. The port was flawed in terms of viability. After it was opened for traffic, it handled just 1% of ships when compared to Colombo. Even as Sri Lanka was repaying its Chinese loans with difficulty, the COVID-19 pandemic sunk the nation's economy. The Sri Lankan President is in the unenviable position of tackling bankruptcy, political tailwinds, a Chinese debt burden, assuring the IMF, and also handling frosty India-China ties. India would need to navigate this and future episodes not only over Hambantota but also on the larger issues linked to the geopolitics of the Indian Ocean, with understanding and diplomatic acumen.

R. NARAYANAN,
Navi Mumbai

■ I do not think it is right for India to be bullying Colombo. The ship is not a war vessel. I am sure that if China wanted to spy on India, it must have done its work from space. Is India aware of the capabilities of Chinese satellites?

S. GOPAL,
Bengaluru

■ That the Chinese ship was able to dock in a port in Sri Lanka is shocking. It is a clear failure of Indian diplomacy and an inability to see things strategically. Would the U.S. allow China or Russia to lease a port in Mexico? India should have bailed out Sri Lanka and ensured that its strategic interests are protected.

ANANDASUBRAMANIAN C.P.,
Dunwoody, Georgia, U.S.

Release of convicts

The release of 11 convicts by the Gujarat government in connection with the Bilkis Bano case is disturbing. The spectacle of the men being 'felicitated' is a discomfiting episode especially when the Prime Minister has spoken about the rights and the dignity of women. The rape survivor underwent undescribable trauma. Why is the judiciary silent?

SYED SULTAN MOHIDDIN,
Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh

■ What a shame! Offences such as gangrape should be made a non-bailable offence. One wonders why the judiciary has not stepped in as this is clear injustice.

SRAVANA RAMACHANDRAN,
Chennai

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The Centre vs State tussle over IAS postings

India needs a stable system of civil services to bolster responsive public administration

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It is now official. The Government of India (GOI) painfully admitted recently to what some of us already knew. Fewer and fewer All India Services (AIS) officers working in States were coming forward to opt for a tenure with the Centre. An overwhelming majority would like to be in the comfort zone of their State cadres and vegetate there rather than migrate – albeit even for one short spell of three to five years – to the country's capital and its neighbourhood to work for the Union Government.

This is no reflection on the Centre's ability or willingness to offer incentives to maintain the morale of Indian Administrative Services (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) officers who choose to work for it on deputation.

Rigour routine of GOI

There are many positives in working for the GOI. These include a psychological satisfaction of contributing to the formulation of national policy on many critical issues, such as education, health care or preservation of the environment. This throws up many opportunities for foreign travel and a chance to be deputed to work for international agencies. These prospects do not, however, seem to be attractive enough for many officers to crave for a posting in Delhi. Several factors account for this reluctance. These include the rigour of the GOI routine – long hours of work and the need for extreme clinical care in the preparation and submission of reports going up the hierarchy – sometimes up to the Prime Minister himself.

Compound this with fewer creature comforts than what is available in a State environment as also the need to operate sometimes far away from one's native State. There are only a few who are fortunate enough to be allotted to their home State or closer. Not surprisingly, many willing to go to Delhi on deputation are those assigned to the Northeastern States.

Officers shying away from going to Delhi is not a new phenomenon, but is one that has lately assumed grave proportions. This is a serious situation if one reckons that the manpower demands of GOI ministries (at the level of Deputy Secretaries and Directors who generally come from the IAS) are growing. There is no doubt now as there is a lateral entry scheme meant for qualified personnel from the public and private sectors. Their number is too small to make even a marginal difference to the deteriorating vacancy position at the Centre.

The case of the Indian Police Service (IPS) is equally bad. There are far too many vacancies in the Central Police Establishment comprising the paramilitary forces such as the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and investigating agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and National Investigation Agency (NIA).

One organisation particularly affected is the CBI. When this is the case, ironically, the non-IPS direct recruits to the para military forces are permanently at war with the Home Ministry (MHA), demanding a greater share of the jobs in the higher echelons. The Cadre rules now in place do not permit such expansion of opportunities for the non-IPS officers. A major grouse of the latter is that none of them can ever rise to head the forces. The rationale is that they lack the experience at the grassroots of policing essential to operate in unison with the local civil authorities.

The AIS structure is unique to India and is too delicate to handle during a crisis. No public administration practitioner or scholar abroad can comprehend its nuances.

The AIS appointments

The selection of AIS officers is done through the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), which holds an annual examination that attracts 3,00,000 to 4,00,000 young aspirants, competing for less than 1,000 positions. The appointing authority for those shortlisted from the written examination, followed by an oral interview, is currently the Central government.

Appointment officers are allotted to various States, the number of officers depending on each State's requirement. Thereafter, they spend most of their career in those States, intervened by short spells of deputation to the Centre. While they are functioning under a State government, disciplinary authority is vested in the former, except that a State cannot impose a major penalty on a delinquent AIS officer for any misconduct.

Suspension of an officer from the service by a State government will have to be ratified by the Centre before the end of three months. This is meant to be a safeguard against any arbitrary action by a State government.

I, however, know of a case of a totally unjustified harassment of a distinguished police officer who was harassed for reporting to the Indian government after the State went back on its earlier promise to relieve her to join a Central organisation. There was a short-lived tussle between the State and the Ministry of Home Affairs over this issue.

A few years ago, we also witnessed such battles in other States too, especially West Bengal, where senior officers such as the Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Police were greatly embarrassed because the Chief Minister and GOI were out of steps with each other. It is in situations like these where the canons of prudent and mature governance are ignored that pose a threat to the foundation of All India Services.

Empowering the Centre

Crass politics triumphing over enlightened public administration has become the order of the day. It is in this context that the Centre's dialogue with the States over amending the AIS rules assumes importance. Such amendment would empower the Centre to commandeer the services of any officer serving in the States to work for the former, with or without the concurrence of the State concerned or the consent of the particular officer.

However, it is debatable whether the States will agree to this change. Intriguing times are, therefore, ahead of all of us who are convinced that we need a stable system of civil services to bolster democratic and responsive public administration in our country.

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Data opportunity at the G20

The Indian Government should present a holistic agenda that embeds data collection and sharing

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The global politics of data is rapidly evolving as leading and emerging digital economies like the European Union (EU), the U.S., India, Indonesia, and South Africa strive to protect, monetise, and leverage data collected within their territories for domestic purposes. The age of borderless data with limited or no government control, once an aspiration, appears behind us.

Increasing privacy and security concerns coupled with economic interests have compelled governments to institute rules and standards that govern and restrict cross-border flows with natural implications for negotiations on global trade and commerce. Indeed, the sheer amount of data being generated and shared globally has necessitated governments to exert more control over the use, sharing, and cross-border flow of data. According to the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), data localisation laws have more than doubled from 2017 to 2021, indicating that states seek and want increasing levels of regulatory control over data.

Creation of single data market

Data regulation efforts transcend data localisation. Relaxing its deference to self-regulation by firms, Joe Biden's administration recently issued an executive order on promoting competition in the American economy that pushed for the use of antitrust policy to meet the challenges posed by the rise of dominant platforms, and surveillance. European policymakers have introduced a bevy of digital rules that place individual users centre-stage, and enhancing their data security. Through the proposed Data Act, the EU hopes to become an unparalleled data power by creating a single data market, setting robust standards and deploying the EU's collective data for their own use.

As a rising 'data market' with critical stakes in multilateral and regional negotiations on data, how can India negotiate data when it assumes leadership of the G20?

The G-20 appears as a viable platform to discuss data, particularly sharing and transfer, given seemingly converging positions on data governance amongst major G-7 powers and emerging economies as the state finds a greater role in regulating data. Moreover, the G-20's track record as the apex forum to discuss global economic issues gives it legitimacy and having the top (digital) economies makes it an appropriate forum to discuss data. The G20 does not create binding rules but serves as a platform to catalyse and inject new thinking around critical current issues.

Data sovereignty

India was way ahead of the 'data sovereignty' curve, brandishing it to justify domestic policy-making and burnishing this stance at various international discussions, long before it became fashionable across northern jurisdictions. Since 2017, India has attempted to incubate governance of non-personal data, personal data, e-commerce regulation and artificial intelligence (AI) with a preference to harness "India's data for India's development." These policies, including the recently withdrawn Personal Data Protection Bill, are works in progress but this does not take away from the vast ecosystem of actors – including experts, civil society, and industry actively engaging with and attempting to shape digital policy-making.

To underscore political rhetoric and drive global data discussions at the G20, the Indian government should present a holistic agenda that embeds data collection and sharing within a broader framework that prioritises digital security, innovation, and citizen rights.

For instance, the Reserve Bank of India's data localisation directive has been in place for four years now. An empirical assessment of how this has impacted both start-ups, big technology companies, and users could serve as a useful example. Has localisation achieved requisite security and economic benefits? Or has it stifled digital innovation? Second, India's digital economy stewardship must transcend data localisation by highlighting best practices on data protection, competition law, data stewardship, and responsible artificial intelligence both in India and other G20 countries. The ongoing effort to redraft the Personal Data Protection Bill and embed it within a 'more comprehensive framework' that addresses related concerns like cybersecurity must serve as an urgent domestic priority, and could lend weight to India's G-20 data approach.

By adding nuance to prevailing 'data' narratives and enabling countries with different views to express themselves and engage meaningfully on critical questions, India's G-20 stint would mark a key phase in the global digital economy.

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STATE OF PLAY

The rocky road to Munugode

The by-election will be a litmus test for all the major parties in Telangana

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With another Assembly by-election becoming a certainty in Telangana with the resignation of Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy from the Congress, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have moved into battle mode.

Mr. Rajgopal Reddy is set to re-contest the seat, but this time on a BJP ticket. Incensed by this move, Congress leaders have alleged that he has ditched the party only to protect his business interests. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president A. Revanth Reddy has said that it is necessary for the party to retain the seat as part of the process to "end the 'family rule' in the State and to restore democracy", which he claims is under threat under the TRS government.

The Congress is worried that Mr. Rajgopal Reddy's brother, Komatireddy Venkata Reddy, a considerable influence in the district, will stay away from the campaigning and discreetly support his younger brother. Mr. Venkata Reddy had announced that he won't be part of the poll campaign until the TPCC chief apologises to him and expels the Congress spokesperson who had made abusive remarks against him. While Mr. Revanth Reddy did apologise, it remains doubtful whether Mr. Venkata Reddy will actively campaign for the Congress nominee at the cost of his brother's political future. For the Congress, winning the seat is, therefore, a matter of prestige. After all, the combined Nalgonda district has been its bastion for decades. But there is lack of unity in the party. The Congress has also had to defer its padayatra after the TPCC chief contracted COVID-19.

For the TRS, winning the seat would help it regain some of its lost glory. The party is holding a rally in Munugode, which will be addressed by Chief Minister and party president K. Chandrasekhar Rao, on August 20. But the TRS is now grappling with dissidence in the party, much like the Congress. As some surveys have indicated an edge to the ruling party, the number of aspirants for the post has gone up. These aspirants are hopeful that a win would also ensure that they were allocated tickets for the next Assembly election. While meetings have been held and assurances have been given to everyone in the party that they will all be recognised in due course, the party is still worried. The Minister for Energy, Jagadish Reddy, has alleged that the BJP, particularly Mr. Rajgopal Reddy, has been stoking dissidence. He has promised that it would be addressed appropriately.

For the BJP, winning the seat would be an example of its growing strength in Telangana. The party is organising a public meeting, to be addressed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on August 21. The BJP barely has a presence in this area and needs to build a cadre base as well as identify leaders. The party may be hoping that Mr. Rajgopal Reddy's move might trigger more defections.

The election will also see the Bahujan Samaj Party under former IPS officer Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar testing the waters. The YSR Telangana Party, led by former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy's daughter Y.S. Sharmila; the Telugu Desam Party, which still has a vote bank and sympathisers; and the Left parties, particularly the CPI, which has won the seat many times in the past with support from other parties, will also be in the fray. The by-election will thus be a litmus test for all the major parties.

The BJP is keen to prove that its rise in Telangana is no fluke; the Congress is keen to reiterate its claim that it is the true alternative to the TRS; and the TRS wants to assert that it still holds sway over the Telangana electorate in spite of some losses in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and in the by-elections to the Dubbak and Huzurabad Assembly seats.

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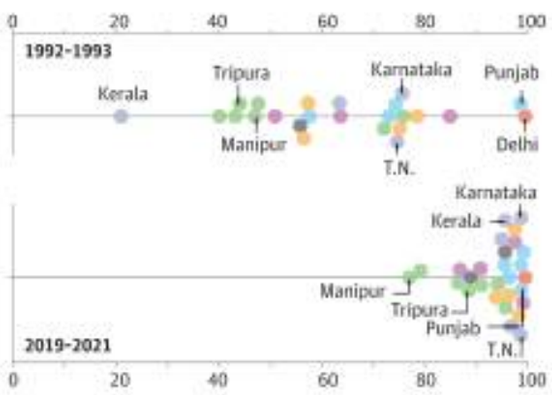
DATA POINT

Stark changes across States | A comparison of share of households with essential facilites between 1992-93 and 2019-21 reveal stark differences among States. In general, the eastern States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha continue to lag behind others in terms of access to toilet facilities and usage of clean cooking fuel. Except in the case of toilet access, the northeastern (NE) States too have performed poorly over the years. Whereas the Southern States, which were lagging behind in the 1990s, have outpaced others in access to clean fuel. Regions: North (●), South (●), East (●), Northeast (●), West (●), Central India (●) and Union Territory (●).

By **Rebecca Rose Varghese**

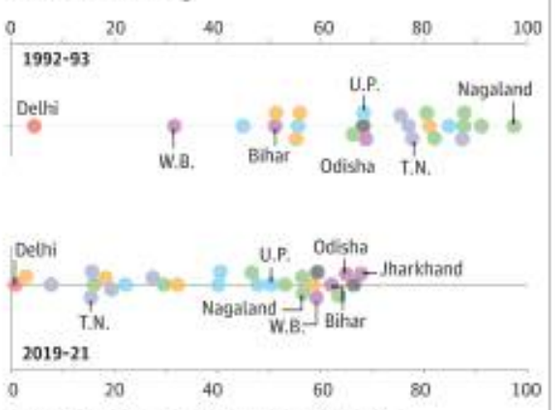
Improved drinking water: 1992-93 vs 2019-21

1 The graph shows the % of households that fetched drinking water from pipes/water pumps/protected wells. With just 21% of households having such facility, Kerala ranked last in 1992-93. However, in 2019-21, Kerala (94.5%) surged ahead with Manipur (77%) taking its position



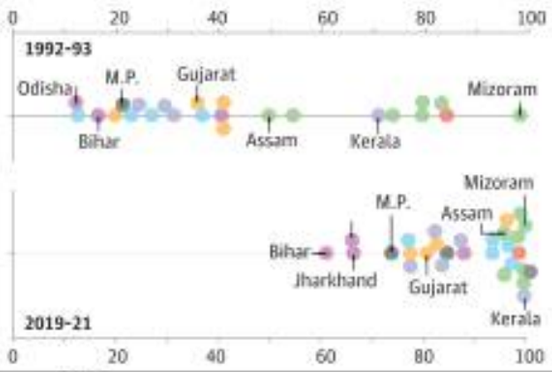
Unclean fuel: 1992-93 vs 2019-21

3 The graph shows the share of households cooking with solid fuel in 1992-93 and 2019-21. The southern States, which lagged behind in 1992-93, outpaced other regions by 2019-21. Whereas in most eastern, northeastern and central States, more than 40% households still use solid fuel for cooking



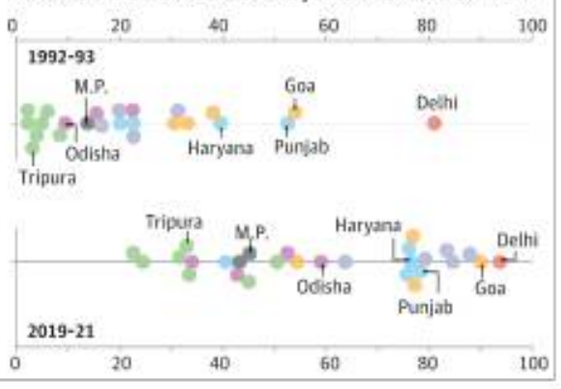
Any toilet facilities: 1992-93 vs 2019-21

2 The graph shows the share of households with any toilet facility in 1992-93 and 2019-21. Mizoram remained at the top during both the periods. NE States along with Kerala had more than 70% households with such access in 1992-93. By 2019-21, only Jharkhand, Odisha and Bihar had not crossed the 70% mark



Pucca houses: 1992-93 vs 2019-21

4 The graph shows the share of households living in pucca houses in 1992-93 and 2019-21. Many northeastern States had a poor share of pucca houses during both periods. In 1992-93, more than 50% houses in Delhi, Goa and Punjab were pucca households. By 2019-21, most NE and central States were yet to cross the 50% mark



Source: NFHS

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 18, 1972

Hurdle to Ganga-Cauvery project

New Delhi, Aug. 17: The Ganga-Cauvery project, which has been cleared by a U.N team of experts, could not be inaugurated on August 15 as had been proclaimed by both Mr. C. Subramaniam and Mr. Mohan Dharia because it was found in the last minute that there was a legal lacuna. The U.N. team of experts has said that the whole concept of linking the Ganga with the Cauvery is not a dream scheme but is a practical proposition which could be brought into being with sustained effort by the Union Government in cooperation with the States through which the rivers and their feeder canals run. However, the team has suggested a number of studies to be undertaken before the scheme is actually put through. Dr. K.L. Rao, Union Minister for Irrigation and Power, showed great keenness in implementing the project and he received the support of the Planning Commission when Mr. C. Subramaniam was in charge of planning. Several rounds of discussions were held to study its feasibility and finally, it was resolved that specialists from the U.N. should be associated with it.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 18, 1922

Labour legislation

Bombay, Aug. 17: Lecturing at the Wilson College this afternoon on some current labour problems, Mr. Findlay Shirras, Labour Commissioner to the Government of Bombay, referred to the dangers of hasty legislation in labour matters and the unwisdom of following English legislation without due regard to local conditions. He said it was necessary to proceed slowly in these matters. In the case of workmen's compensation, for example, the Government of Bombay consulted no less than 51 bodies and persons and, while there was no doubt about the principle, the details bristled with difficulties which the local government alone was in a position to know. Every consideration, he said, should be given to a careful study of local conditions and hasty legislation in the Central legislation would not be expedient. In conclusion, the lecturer gave interesting figures in connection with the progress of housing work in Bombay and said that by the end of 1928 to 1929, there would be 625 chawls with 50,000 tenements which would house approximately one fifth of the present population of Bombay. Besides the Improvement Trust, millowners were building tenements for housing industrial workers.

FROM PAGE ONE

MHA overrules Minister's tweet

Earlier, addressing a press conference, Mr. Bharadwaj said he had accessed the file notings of a meeting conducted by the Ministry of Home Affairs on August 2 that was attended by Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, FRRO officials and the Delhi Police. The note made it clear that the MHA wanted to bypass the elected government of Delhi and provide housing to illegal immigrants by keeping only the Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) in the loop while taking the decision, he said.

"Why should we create detention centres for Rohingya at the expense of Delhi taxpayers? They should be deported [and] we have been saying that they are a security threat," Mr. Bharadwaj added.

Since the Rohingya live in temporary shelters made of bamboo and plastic sheets, it was also not clear how the open spaces will be designated as detention centres, and Rohingya movements restricted.

"Will they confine us to our rooms? Will they stop our education and stop us from making a living?" asked 20-year-old Miza, a Rohingya resident of the Madanpur Khada camp, who fled to India in 2012 due to ethnic violence against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. She added that India is now her home, and that she dreads returning to Myanmar.

Nadda drops Gadkari, brings in Yediyurappa

In the 11-member board, not constituted since 2014 when Home Minister Amit Shah was party president, Mr. Nadda, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Shah, Mr. Rajnath Singh and general secretary (organisation) B. L. Santhosh continue as before.

In the vacancies thus filled, interestingly, the addition is former Karnataka Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa, whose inclusion acknowledges the fact that he is still a force to reckon with in State politics. He has also been made a member of the election committee.

Former Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has also been appointed to the parliamentary board, party sources said, in a bid to diversify the membership, as he belongs to a tribal community from Assam. The chief of the party's OBC Morcha and Rajya Sabha MP, K. Laxman, who belongs to Telangana is another significant inclusion.

In a first in the party's recent history, a Sikh member, Iqbal Singh Lalpura, has been appointed to the board, a nod to the protest movement against the farm laws (repealed later) and the political exigencies in Punjab.

In the 15-member election committee, the surprise inclusion has been that of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, an acknowledgement that he needed validation at the national level, in order to offset the disappointment felt by some quarters in the Maharashtra BJP over him being overlooked as Chief Minister.

BJP's Mahila Morcha president and MLA from Tamil Nadu Vanathi Srinivasan has also been made a member of the election committee. Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav and senior party leader Om Mathur are the other two members.

HC rules in favour of OPS in AIADMK rift

Since the by-laws permit the coordinator and joint coordinator to convene the general council meet anytime, the judge ordered there would not be any impediment for them to conduct such a meet to decide party affairs, including an amendment to the by-laws for restoring unitary leadership instead of the present pattern of dual leadership.

Justice Jayachandran termed "fallacious" the claim of Mr. Palaniswami that the posts held by Mr. Panneerselvam and himself respectively had lapsed and stood vacated on June 23 since the general council which met on that day did not ratify the executive council's December 2021 decision to get party leaders elected to those two posts through voting by primary members.

He pointed out the draft resolutions for the June 23 meet did not indicate there was any proposal for such ratification. "The party constitution also does not require ratification of their election by the general council," he wrote. Stating that the two leaders had been jointly elected unopposed by the primary members in December 2021, the judge said, their five-year tenure would come to an end only on December 3, 2026.

'No quantifiable data'

The judge further said, there was no quantifiable data to prove Mr. Palaniswami's claim that 95% of the 1.5 crore primary members of the party were in favour of unitary leadership.

Recalling that the dual leadership in the party had been able to successfully run the State government for 4.5 years between 2017 and 2021, the judge wondered: "While so, how suddenly between June 20 and July 1 this year, the party decided to have a change in dispensation?"

Russian crude oil has 'Ukrainian blood': Minister

Earlier, India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had said that oil and gas prices were "unreasonably high" and pointed out that the traditional energy suppliers of Asia were "diverting" to Europe to deal with a situation where every country would try to address the high energy prices that have become a global challenge in the backdrop of the war in Ukraine. "We have been very open and honest about our interest. I have a country with a per capita income of $2,000. These are not people who can afford higher energy prices. It is my obligation...moral duty to actually get them the best deal that I can get from the world," Mr. Jaishankar has said.

The Ukrainian Minister acknowledged that India's decision to continue with energy purchases from Russia had not "surprised" Kyiv but observed that the war in Ukraine was providing Russia with an opportunity to make money from energy trade. "Throughout human history, in every conflict, in every war, there are those who suffer from the war and then there are those who make money," he said.

Was PM aware of nod to release Bilkis case convicts, asks Cong.

Rahul Gandhi questions Modi, Shah on what message it sends to women in the country

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The entire country can see the difference between the words and deeds of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said on Wednesday, targeting Mr. Modi over the release of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case of the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Mr. Gandhi also asked what message was being sent out to the women of the country through such a decision. "Those who raped a five-month pregnant woman and killed her three-year-old daughter were released during *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*. What message is being given to the women of the country by those who peddle lies about *nari shakti*?," Mr. Gandhi said in a tweet.

The BJP government in Gujarat released all 11 persons who were convicted of gang-rape of Ms. Bano and murder of seven of her family members, on Independence Day as part of its remission policy.

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera accused the Gujarat government of falsely giving the impression that the remission was granted under a Supreme Court directive.

"The truth is that the Supreme Court merely asked the Gujarat government to decide the matter within three months. It's an executive decision and not a judicial decision," he said.

He said that since the case had been investigated by the CBI, the State government had to secure the concurrence of the Centre on the decision.

"We would like to ask the Prime Minister and the Home Minister if they knew that these 11 rapists and murderers were going to be released? And if not, what legal action are they going to take against their government in Gujarat?" Mr. Khera said.

Policy matters: People greeting the convicts after they were released from Godhra sub-jail in Gujarat on Monday under the State government's remission policy. • PTI

Two BJP legislators on panel that recommended remission

We followed procedure, went by rules, says MLA C.K. Raolji

MAHESH LANGA
GODHRA

BJP legislators C.K. Raolji and Suman Chauhan were members of the committee, headed by Godhra Collector and District Magistrate Sujal Mayatra, that recommended remission of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano rape and massacre case of the 2002 riots.

The committee "unanimously" decided to recommend remission to the convicts, who had already spent 14 years in jail since they were sentenced to life imprisonment in the heinous crime in 2008.

The State government accepted the recommendation of the advisory committee and allowed the remission and premature release of the convicts who were released to a hero's welcome by their relatives as well as the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).

> **We felt that the convicts had already suffered enough**
> A MEMBER OF THE PANEL

"We felt that the convicts had already suffered enough and therefore they should be released prematurely," said one of the members, while refusing to divulge details of how many meetings were held and what aspects were considered while deciding on granting the remission.

Members of import

Godhra legislator Mr. Raolji is a seasoned politician who had defected to the ruling BJP in 2017 when Shankarsinh Vaghela split the Congress during the nail-biting Rajya Sabha polls of the late Congress leader Ahmed Patel. Mr. Raolji, who served as a Cabinet Minister in the Vaghela government in the mid 1990s, was in the BJP and had walked out of the party along with Vaghela in 1996.

"We followed the procedure and went by the rules," Mr. Raolji said, when asked about how come the committee recommended the premature release of the convicts in such a grave crime.

Another legislator on the committee is Ms. Chauhan, a first-time MLA from Kalol in Godhra district. She is the daughter-in-law of former Godhra MP and former Minister Prabhatsinh Chauhan, a prominent OBC leader from the district, who has been with the every major party in the State.

Two other members of the panel are former Godhra municipal councillor from BJP Murli Mulchandani, a key witness in Godhra train carnage case, and a worker with the BJP women's wing Snehaben Bhatia.

District Social Welfare Officer, a Sessions Judge and the Superintendent of Jail were also part of the committee.

'Outsiders in J&K can enlist as voters'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Anyone who is living ordinarily in J&K can now also avail the opportunity to get enlisted as a voter there, in accordance with the provisions of Representation of the Peoples Act, Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar said on Wednesday in Jammu. Meanwhile, J&K parties have opposed the move.

While National Conference's Omar Abdullah remarked that this will not help BJP when the people of J&K are given a chance to exercise their franchise, Peoples Conference's Sajad Lone termed it dangerous.

UGC to disburse fellowships till Sept. 30

Regulatory body springs into action after Prime Minister's intervention

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

After intervention by the Prime Ministers Office (PMO) last week, sources said it has been decided that the University Grants Commission (UGC) would disburse the national fellowships of the Social Justice and Empowerment and Minorities Affairs Ministries that have been pending since April, but only till September 30.

The UGC had told the Ministries to disburse the fellowships for M.Phil and Ph.D scholars on their own, after the Finance Ministry changed the rules for flow of funds for Central sector schemes in March. As per the new rules, a Central Nodal Agency would have to be appointed or the Ministry in question could directly transfer the funds into the beneficiaries' accounts. Before that, the Ministries would send the funds to the UGC to disburse.

The Hindu had reported on August 6 that the thousands of scholars under the National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPwD), National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste (NFSC) and National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) had not received their fellowships since April. The Maulana Azad National Fellowship of the Minorities Affairs Ministry, too, has been held up.

The fellowship for PwDs was also held up.

According to sources, a meeting was held by the Prime Ministers Office, where Social Justice Ministry officials were present, on August 12 to address the backlog and it was decided that the UGC would continue to disburse the fellowships till September 30. After that, the respective Ministries would have to come up with their own mechanism to disburse the fellowships.

R. Subrahmanyam, secretary of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department under the Social Justice Ministry, told *The Hindu* that the Ministry's own alternative mechanism for disbursing the fellowships would start from September. As recently as August 3, the UGC had written to the Social Justice Ministry denying its request for an exemption from the new rules till September.

Anti-CAA stir resumes in Northeast

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Pressure groups affiliated with the North East Students' Organisation on Wednesday resumed the demand for the repeal of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act from the region.

The groups also demanded the implementation of inner-line permit (ILP) that would make it mandatory for Indians from beyond the Northeast to enter the region with a travel document. The anti-CAA movement was suspended when the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

INTERVIEW | BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA

'G-23 members are reformists not rebels'

The Congress has worked on some of their suggestions, says former Haryana CM

VIKAS VASUDEVA

With the election process to choose a new Congress president set to begin soon, former Haryana Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the Haryana Assembly **Bhupinder Singh Hooda** *says the members of the G-23 – the group that has been pushing for collective and inclusive leadership at all levels of decision-making in the party – are not rebels, but reformists. Excerpts:*

As the Congress is scheduled to have a national party president election, is the G-23 now irrelevant?

■ Not at all, the group has not lost its relevance and is still relevant. We are reformists and not rebels. What we wrote was in the interest of the party, and the party has, in fact, worked on some of our suggestions. The election for the party president is being conducted. The senior leaders were impressing upon the leadership for some reforms to revive the party. The leadership has shown sensitivity to the issues that we raised. Some of our concerns have been taken care of, and to make the Congress stronger we will continue to give suggestions.

The Congress has decided to start a nationwide *Bharat Jodo Yatra* campaign; do you think this will help the party reconnect with the populace?

> **To make the Congress stronger we will continue to give suggestions**

■ *Bharat Jodo* campaign is the necessity of present times to preserve diversity and protect democracy. It is an attempt to reconnect with the people to rekindle the spirit of freedom struggle. It's an attempt to revive emotional integrity, which is the need of the hour. And it will strengthen the party.

Haryana Congress recently held a *Chintan Shivir* in Panchkula. What were the takeaways?

■ As a follow-up to Udaipur *Chintan Shivir* of the Indian National Congress, the Haryana Congress held a *Chintan Shivir* to chart out the road map for the party to rid the State of a corrupt, insensitive and ineffective government, formed by an unholy alliance of the Bharatiya Janta Party-Jannayak Janta Party. The Haryana Congress displayed renewed dedication and unity by adopting several key resolutions on unemployment, inflation, deteriorating law and order, rampant corruption and economic crisis to be taken before the people.

(Read full interview at bit.ly/g23hooda)

SC reserves verdict on 'same-day sentencing'

'Must give every chance to avoid gallows'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday raised doubts about whether a person should be sentenced to death on the same day he or she is convicted of a crime.

Noting that death penalty is "irreversible", a three-judge Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit asked if trial judges ought to pause and give every possible opportunity to a convict to avoid the gallows before allowing the State to take his or her life.

The Supreme Court reserved its judgment on the question of "same-day sentencing" after a two-hour long hearing. The cardinal issue is whether a convict, sentenced to death merely hours after conviction, has enough time to present mitigating circumstances which led him to commit the crime.

Attorney General K.K. Venugopal had opposed same-day sentencing, even suggesting that the entire proceedings should be adjourned after the stage of conviction in cases in which a person can be put to death as a form of punishment if found guilty. The defence team could use the time to collect mitigating factors.

As of now, no effort is ever made to dig deeper into a convict's childhood experiences, multigenerational history of physical and mental health issues, exposure to traumatic events and other familial, social and cultural factors crucial in order to undertake an individualised sentencing enquiry.

Faith in justice shaken, says 'numb' Bilkis Bano

She wants Gujarat govt. to 'undo harm'

MAHESH LANGA
AHMEDABAD

In her first reaction after 11 convicts of her case serving life imprisonment were released prematurely under the remission policy, Bilkis Bano late on Wednesday said that the decision of their release shook her faith in judiciary and took away peace from her.

"The release of these convicts has taken from me my peace and shaken my faith in justice. My sorrow and my wavering faith is not for myself alone but for every woman who is struggling for justice in courts," she said in her first reaction in a statement that was released by her lawyer Shobha Gupta.

On August 15, the Gujarat government released 11 convicts serving their sentence in a jail in Godhra after the State administration accepted the recommendation of a local committee that granted remission to them.

In her statement, she demanded her right to "live in peace and without fear" while questioning how justice for any woman can end like this. "No one enquired about my safety and well-being, before taking such a big and unjust decision."

> **My sorrow... is for every woman who is struggling for justice in courts**
> BILKIS BANO
> Survivor

She said that the decision of the State government had left her numb and bereft of any words.

"When I heard that the 11 convicted men who devastated my family and my life, and took from me my 3 year old daughter, had walked free... I was bereft of words. I am still numb," she said, adding "... the trauma of the past 20 years washed over me again."

"I appeal to the Gujarat government, please undo this harm. Give me back my right to live without fear and in peace," she said ending her brief statement.

Earlier, her husband Yakub had said that the family was unaware till they learnt from the media about the release of the convicts.

'Release sends wrong message to society'

Muslim bodies call for SC intervention

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

Muslim bodies have condemned the release of the 11 men convicted in the Bilkis Bano case, calling it "a wrong message for the society as well as the victim".

"At a time when laws have been framed to punish rape with capital punishment, we have a case of men convicted of both rape and murder being released. It is not just condemnable but jeopardises the security of women," said Niaz Faruqui, Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, adding, "It amounts to double standards for the same crime depending on the identity of the victim."

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind's Salim Engineer said, "Such decisions are aimed at reaping political dividends to appease a particular constituency. We hope the apex court intervenes in the matter to reverse this grave injustice carried out under the guise of official government policy," he said.

Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan asked the State government to revoke the remission, All India Democratic Women's Association termed the action "outrageous and shocking".

Rohingya a threat to security, says BJP

Modi government will never compromise on the issue, says ruling party at the Centre as it slams AAP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Wednesday asserted that illegal migrants were a threat to national security and that the Modi government would never compromise on the issue, after the party faced flak over plans to resettle Rohingya in flats designated for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri on Wednesday posted a tweet saying that India had always welcomed those who have sought refuge in the country and announced that all Rohingya would be shifted to EWS flats in the Bakkarwala area of east Delhi.

Following this tweet, the Union Home Ministry issued a clarification denying any move to shift Rohingya in Delhi to EWS flats and directed the Delhi government to ensure that the "illegal foreigners" remain in detention centres pending their extradition.

BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia, addressing a press conference at the party's national headquarters in New Delhi, described Rohingya as a "threat to national security".

He added that "[Delhi Chief Minister] Arvind Kejriwal is doing the politics of appeasement keeping national security at bay".

The spokesperson further asked why, in the meeting held on July 29 chaired by the Chief Secretary of Delhi, "a hasty decision was taken that all these infiltrators would be shifted to the houses being built for EWS".

'Misleading the public'

Mr. Bhatia said there were news reports in which the "facts were meant to mislead the public".

"The Ministry of Home Affairs has clarified that," he added.

The BJP spokesperson further said the law of the country stated that Rohingya should be deported and "this jurisdiction lies with the Ministry of Home Affairs".

"The Modi government has a clear policy that there will be no compromise on national security," Mr. Bhatia said.

In dire straits: A woman showing her identity card at a Rohingya camp in New Delhi on Wednesday. •R.V. MOORTHY

Send them back: VHP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The central working president of the Vishva Hindu Parishad, Alok Kumar, on Wednesday expressed shock and dissatisfaction over Union Minister Hardeep Puri terming Rohingya refugees and allotting to them the EWS flats at Bakkarwala here.

The VHP maintained that the Rohingya were not refugees in the country but infiltrators.

"We might remind Mr. Puri the statement made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Parliament declaring that Rohingya will never be accepted in India," Mr. Kumar said.

The VHP suggested that the government make arrangements to send the Rohingya out of India.

'EWS flats were to be taken to create detention centre'

Meeting was held to find 'long-term' residential solution

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI

The efforts to find a "medium to long-term" residential solution for more than 50 Rohingya families, comprising an estimated 250 people, under the eyes of the Delhi police, are at the core of the latest political tussle between the BJP-led Union government and the Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government.

A fire at the Rohingya camp at Kanchan Kunj near Kalindi Kunj on June 21, 2021, which destroyed 50 hutments, is understood to have triggered the move, according to the minutes of an official meeting on the issue, Delhi government sources said.

"It was proposed that these refugees can be shifted to 240 EWS DUSIB Flats constructed at Bakkarwala, which were inspected and found suitable for housing Rohingya," the minutes stated.

According to a source, the point was to be able to shift all the refugees to one place on the basis of police intelligence inputs recommending it.

In close vicinity

After they settled in the National Capital in 2012 for a protest outside the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Vasant Vihar, the source said, suggestions had been occasionally received from various NGOs regarding the relocation of the Rohingya to rented accommodations in nearby locations.

"However, as per inputs of Delhi Police departments, the staying of Rohingya persons in close vicinity would be necessary for the police to ensure their regular enumeration/observation," the minutes stated.

A meeting on the issue, held on January 10, 2022, led to a decision to the effect that the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) should take the responsibility of running the Bakkarwala Complex which the NDMC had allotted to it.

At another meeting on July 29, 2022, the Delhi Home Department was asked to arrange the "immediate relocation" of the Rohingya families "to any appropriate location."

The EWS flats, according to the minutes, were to be taken over for the purpose of the creation of a "detention centre" by August 2022.

SC relief for Jharkhand CM in mining case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed Jharkhand High Court proceedings against Chief Minister Hemant Soren in a money laundering case.

A Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit asked the High Court not to proceed further even as it reserved for judgment separate appeals filed by Mr. Soren and the Jharkhand government against the High Court's order upholding the maintainability of PILs seeking a CBI probe into the allegations against the CM.

The PILs against he had also alleged violations of provisions of the Representation of People Act.

The allegations in the petitions include the setting up of several shell companies to launder money siphoned off from different welfare funds meant for Jharkhand. They allege that Mr. Soren and others were involved in the formation of these companies.

Voters not looking for freebies: SC

Promises alone do not decide the outcome of elections for political parties, it says

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Voters, if given a chance, will prefer to earn a dignified earning through welfare schemes such as the MGNREGA and create public assets in rural India. Freebies do not always decide the outcome of elections for political parties, the Supreme Court said on Wednesday.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana said there have been instances of parties losing elections in spite of their promises of freebies. "I don't think voters are looking for freebies. Given an opportunity, they (voters) will opt for dignified earning. For example, MGNREGA offered dignified earning and also created public assets in rural areas. So, I don't think promises alone decide the outcome of elections... There are instances of parties not being elected despite their promises," Chief Justice Ramana said.

The court was hearing a petition to curb the practice of offering or distributing "irrational freebies" at the cost of public money, especially in debt-ridden States during the run-up to elections.

The court said its primary concern is about "the right way of spending public money". The court indicated that promises of freebies come at a cost to the public exchequer. "At the end of the day, we must say there is no free lunch," the Bench observed.

The court is dealing with rival contentions raised in the case. On the one hand, the contention is that freebies are a waste of public money and a sure road to economic doom for the country, on the other, they are incentives and schemes to ensure public welfare.

"But the question is what exactly qualifies as a 'valid promise'? Can promise of subsidy on power, seeds and fertilizers to small and marginal farmers, free health care and drinking water be considered as freebies? Can we treat promises of consumer products, electronics free of cost for all as a welfare measure?" the court asked.

Welfare schemes

Chief Justice Ramana said freebies should not be confused with welfare schemes introduced by States. The CJI said Article 38 of the Constitution mandates that States should ensure the welfare of the people, "minimise inequalities in income and endeavour to eliminate inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities, not only amongst individuals but also amongst groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations".

"You cannot prevent a political party or an individual from making promises that are aimed at fulfilling this constitutional mandate, if elected to power," the Chief Justice observed.

Senior advocate P. Wilson, for Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, submitted that the Constitution empowered States to promulgate welfare schemes. The term 'freebies' cannot be interpreted to restrict States' competence to provide welfare.

The court said the parties involved, including the Centre and the State political parties, should come up with their opinions and recommendations on the issue of freebies which was getting more "complicated". The court posted the case to next week. In the previous hearing, senior advocate Vikas Singh, for petitioner Ashwini Upadhyay, said States have a debt of ₹15 lakh crore. "Public money should not be misused by political parties whose only intention is to gain and retain power," Mr. Singh said.

'Azad kept in loop on rejig in J&K Cong. unit'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad was consulted before revamping the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) unit, a senior party leader said on Wednesday.

The assertion came a day after Mr. Azad declined to head the party's campaign committee for J&K and is said to have formally sent in his resignation to party chief Sonia Gandhi.

Sources close to Mr. Azad, who is a key leader of the G-23, or the party's ginger group that is pushing for internal reforms, said his suggestion for a consensus candidate for the PCC chief was ignored in favour of someone who is known to former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi.

However, the senior party leader countered such views and said there were multiple rounds of consultations with Mr. Azad before finalising the reconstituted team.

Bihar Law Minister faces arrest in kidnapping case

CM denies knowledge of warrant

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

A day after Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Kartikeya Singh, aka *Master Saheb*, took oath as the Law Minister in the *Mahagathbandhan* Cabinet led by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, controversy erupted on Wednesday as an arrest warrant was issued against him in an old kidnapping case.

However, Mr. Kartikeya's lawyer, Madhusudan Sharma, told mediapersons that the "police in their last chargesheet have absolved Mr. Singh in the case and the court granted interim protection till September 1, 2022".

Mr. Kartikeya is said to be close to the imprisoned *bahubali* (strongman) RJD leader and MLA from Mokama, Anant Singh.

Anant Singh is currently lodged in Beur jail in Patna after being convicted in cases related to the recovery of sophisticated weapons and ammunition from his ancestral house. Responding to questions about the arrest warrant against the Law Minister, the Chief Minister said, "I have no such information."

Senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi demanded that Mr. Kumar "immediately sack" Mr. Kartikeya.

"If Kartikeya Singh had warrant of arrest issued against him and he had to surrender in the court, how could he take oath as Law Minister on the same day? This is return of *jungle raj* in Bihar," Mr. Modi said.

Criminal cases against 70% of Ministers: ADR

NEW DELHI

Over 70% of newly sworn-in Ministers in Bihar have declared criminal cases against themselves, the Association of Democratic Reforms said. The list of 23 Ministers includes Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. It also noted that of the 32 ministers, 27 (84%) are crorepatis. PTI

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IN BRIEF

Shah inaugurates meet on national security

NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies Conference, attended by 600 police officers in virtual and physical mode, on Wednesday. Deliberations were held on various national security issues, including the use of crypto currencies, an official said. It is organised by the Intelligence Bureau.

ED conducts searches in Chawl case linked to Raut

MUMBAI

The ED on Wednesday carried out searches at multiple locations in Mumbai in connection with the Patra Chawl case in which Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut was arrested on August 1. Mr. Raut, who was sent to judicial custody till August 22, was arrested over allegations of money laundering and irregularities pertaining to redevelopment of the Chawl in Goregaon.

SC allows Varavara Rao to move trial court with plea

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed activist-poet Varavara Rao, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon case, to move the trial court for permission to go to his native Hyderabad for cataract surgery in order to spare himself the expenses of doing it in Mumbai. It asked trial court to decide on plea, if made in three weeks.

CBI freezes FDs of Anubrata Mondal

KOLKATA

The CBI on Wednesday froze the fixed deposits of Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal and his family members totalling about ₹16.97 crore in connection with a cattle smuggling scam. Mr. Mondal the president of Trinamool Birbhum district unit, was arrested on August 11 in connection with the scam.

J&K police to attach militant's property

SRINAGAR

The J&K police are likely to attach the house of a militant, Adil Ahmad Wani, who was involved in the attack on two Kashmiri Pandits in south Kashmir's Shopian on Tuesday. The police said two terrorists were involved in the attack. Security forces also worked on an input on Wani's presence at his ancestral house at Kutpora in Shopian.

Officials appear before NCSC in Dalit boy case

NEW DELHI

Officials of the Rajasthan government on Wednesday appeared before the National Commission for Scheduled Castes in Delhi to explain the action taken so far in the Jalore case where a Dalit boy died after allegedly being beaten by his school teacher. The authorities said they had arrested the accused teacher Chhail Singh on August 14.

'Delhi's PM2.5 levels worst in the world'

Kolkata placed second; study says Indian cities witness high PM emissions, but low NO_2 emissions

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

A global analysis of air quality found that Indian cities, while recording particulate matter emissions (PM2.5) that are among the highest in the world, do relatively better on nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) emissions.

The report, *Air Quality and Health in Cities*, released by U.S.-based Health Effects Institute on Wednesday, analyses pollution and global health effects for more than 7,000 cities around the world, focusing on two of the most harmful pollutants - fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO_2).

The report, using data from 2010 to 2019, found that global patterns for exposures to the two key air pollutants were "strikingly different." While exposures to PM2.5 pollution tend to be higher in cities located in low- and middle-income countries, exposure to NO_2 is high across cities in high-income as well as low- and middle-income countries.

Delhi and Kolkata were ranked first and second in the list of top 10 most polluted cities when PM2.5 levels were compared, with Delhi and Kolkata reporting an average annual exposure of (relative to population) of 110 ug/m3 and 84 ug/m3 respectively. ug/m3 refers to microgram per cubic metre.

However no Indian city appeared in the list of top 10 - or even top 20 - polluted cities when NO_2 levels were compared. This list saw Shanghai at the top with an average annual exposure of 41 ug/m3. Average NO_2 levels for Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, according to the report, ranged from 20-30 ug/m3.

NO_2 comes mainly from the burning of fuels in older vehicles, power plants, industrial facilities and residential cooking and heating.

As city residents tend to live closer to busy roads with dense traffic, they are often exposed to higher NO_2 pollution than residents of rural areas.

Gasping for air: Motorist and pedestrian travelling amid heavy smog conditions in New Delhi. • FILE PHOTO

In 2019, 86% of the more than 7,000 cities analysed in the report exceeded the WHO's 10 ug/m3 guideline for NO_2, impacting about 2.6 billion people.

"While PM2.5 pollution tends to get more attention on known hotspots around the world, less data has been available for NO_2 at this global scale," the report notes.

An expert, who was not associated with the study, told *The Hindu* that this paradoxical situation in India was likely due to the relatively lower adoption of high-efficiency engine vehicles. "Complete combustion of fuel results in higher NOx (nitrogen oxides) where incomplete combustion sees other kinds of emissions," said Sachchida Nand Tripathi, Professor, IIT-Kanpur and an expert on air pollution in India. Other cities with high NO_2 population levels included Moscow, Beijing, Paris, Istanbul and Seoul.

Due to their highly reactive nature, nitrogen oxides also contributed to the formation of other pollutants, including ozone and particulate matter. NO_2 also has a shorter lifetime compared with PM2.5 and other air pollutants. As a result, NO_2 levels show very high variability in space and time – levels can vary significantly even across a few kilometres. In comparison, PM2.5 levels tend to show less spatial variation.

In 2019, the global average NO_2 exposure was 15.5 ug/m3, but exposure levels varied considerably across cities.

Ground monitoring of air quality remains limited in many regions of the world, the report adds, obscuring the true degree of NO_2 pollution in countries such as India.

Jacqueline named by ED in ₹200 cr. extortion case

Probe relates to 'conman' Sukesh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Jacqueline Fernandez

The Enforcement Directorate has named Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez in a supplementary chargesheet filed before a Special Court in connection with the ₹200-crore case against "conman" Sukesh Chandrasekhar and others.

According to the agency, Sukesh had been running a cheating and extortion racket from inside the Rohini Jail in Delhi using a mobile phone. He would allegedly make calls via a Caller ID masking App to impersonate as a senior government official to approach potential victims.

The money laundering probe is based on an FIR registered by the Delhi Police following a complaint from Aditi Singh, wife of former Fortis promoter Shivinder Singh who was arrested by Delhi's Economic Offences Wing in a case in 2019. She alleged that Sukesh and his associates cheated her of about ₹200 crore during 2020-21 on the pretext of helping her.

During the investigation, the agency found that in February 2021, Sukesh had allegedly contacted Jacqueline Fernandez on phone, posing as a senior government official named Shekhaar Ratna Vela.

The agency had attached assets worth ₹7.27 crore of the actor in April. It alleged that Sukesh had given gifts worth ₹5.71 crore to her from the funds generated through the racket.

HC grants interim bail to 3 Jharkhand MLAs

They were arrested with ₹49 lakh cash

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday granted interim bail to three Jharkhand MLAs who were arrested with ₹49 lakh cash in West Bengal's Howrah district.

A Division Bench granted interim bail to the MLAs for three months. The Court directed the MLAs not to leave the Kolkata Municipal area.

Three former Congress MLAs, Irfan Ansari, Rajesh Kachchap and Naman Bixal Kongari were arrested by the police on July 30 with the cash on a national highway. The CID of West Bengal Police started an investigation in the case and conducted searches in Kolkata and Jamtara in Jhrakhand and seized more cash in connection with the case.

The MLAs were expelled by the Congress which alleged that there was an attempt by the BJP to topple the government in Jharkhand. The Congress is part of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha -led government.

Centre projects record production of rice

Maize, gram, pulses, rapeseed and sugarcane could also witness high yields, says Agriculture Ministry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Agriculture Ministry released on Wednesday the fourth advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops for 2021-22. The Ministry said the production of foodgrains in the country is estimated at 315.72 million tonnes, which is higher by 4.98 million tonnes than 2020-21.

A Central government release said the production during 2021-22 is higher by 25 million tonnes than the previous five years' (2016-17 to 2020-21) average production of foodgrains.

Fruitful outcome: The production of rice is expected at 130.29 million tonnes in the country. • FILE PHOTO

"Record production is estimated of rice, maize, gram, pulses, rapeseed and mustard, oilseeds and sugarcane," it said.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the record production of so many crops is the result of the farmer-friendly policies of the Centre and the hard work of the farmers and the diligence of the scientists.

Wheat output

While the estimate of foodgrains production is 315.72 million tonnes, the production of rice is expected at 130.29 million tonnes, which, according to the Centre, is a record.

Wheat production could touch 106.84 million tonnes and for coarse cereals it could be 50.90 million tonnes. "Total production of rice during 2021-22 is estimated at record 130.29 million tonnes. It is higher by 13.85 million tonnes than the last five years' average production of 116.44 million tonnes. Production of wheat during 2021-22 is estimated at 106.84 million tonnes. It is higher by 2.96 million tonnes than the last five years' average wheat production of 103.88 million tonnes," the release said.

Sri Lanka readies new packages aimed at Indian tourists

Apart from Murugan-Shiva Shakthi trails, other attractions are on offer

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

Sri Lanka's tourism officials, conscious of the dire need to shore up their country's economy, plan to attract a greater number of Indian tourists, who constitute the single largest segment of foreign tourists, through new packages such as the Murugan-Shiva Shakthi trails. Their optimism stems from the fact that there is a proposal to resume air passenger services from the Palaly airport in Jaffna to destinations in the southern part of India.

As part of the Murugan trail, two important places – Nallur Kandaswamy or Murugan temple in Jaffna of the Northern Province, and Katargama of the Uva Province in the southeast – have been included.

Referring to the ongoing 25-day-long festival in Nallur (which concludes on August 27), Chalaka Gajabahu, chairman of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, told a group of presspersons from India recently in Colombo that the festival was expected to draw over a million devotees, including 1,00,000 from the diaspora.

Promoting the North

A "special calendar" of events was being prepared for Hindu devotees.

To a query whether the Northern Province would be a regular feature in the packages for tourists, Mr. Gajabahu replied in the affirmative and said: "We have been actively promoting the North on trade FAMs [familiarisation trips]."

The East too would receive more focus in view of its diverse cultural significance that encompassed Islam. However, he conceded that marketing of the North had not been done "much".

The question was raised in the context of coverage of Naguleeswaram in Jaffna and Thiruketheeswaram in Mannar, both coming under the five abodes of Lord Shiva in Sri Lanka, in the new Murugan trail. The other three abodes are Thirukoneeswaram temple, Trincomalee, in the Eastern Province; Munneeswaram temple in the north-west and Tondeeshwaram temple near Matara in the south. The trail will also include shrines such as Nagapooshani Amman temple and Nagadeepa Purana Vihara, both in Nainativu, Jaffna.

Pointing out that a Ramayana trail had been in place for many years, the Bureau chief called for modification in the programme to accommodate a greater number of youth.

Even as Indian tourists formed the biggest chunk of foreign tourists, Mr. Gajabahu emphasised that various steps were being taken to attract them more.

To visit India

Adventure tourism, entertainment and gambling were some of the attractions being offered by Sri Lanka. His team had planned to visit Indian cities in September such as Mumbai and New Delhi for the purpose of promotion.

On the overall target for foreign tourists, the Bureau chief said they hope to attract 8.5 lakh to 10 lakh tourists this year.

However, the aim was to get back to the 2018 tally of 2.1 million, as the tourism sector had been hit badly following the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Island calling

Tracking the pattern of tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka from 2017 to 2022

* *Includes Hong Kong and Macau*
** *Up to July 2022*

Source: https://sltda.gov.lk/en

Year	Overall	India	China*	U.K.	Russia
2017	21,16,407	3,84,628	2,68,952	2,01,879	59,191
2018	23,33,796	4,24,887	2,65,965	2,54,176	64,497
2019	19,13,702	3,55,002	1,67,863	1,98,776	86,549
2020	5,07,704	89,357	26,147	55,455	49,397
2021	1,94,495	56,268	2,417	16,646	16,894
2022**	4,58,670	74,792	1,850	58,879	48,321

Glitches mar CUET fourth phase

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Technical glitches continued to mar the fourth phase of the Central University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG on Wednesday with several students claiming that the exam was cancelled at their centres.

Students from centres including Guru Hargobind Institute of Management and Information Technology in Delhi, Asia Pacific Institute in Jasola claimed they were asked to go back citing glitches and server problems. For some, exam also started later than the scheduled time.

The UGC said all the affected candidates will get a chance for a retest.

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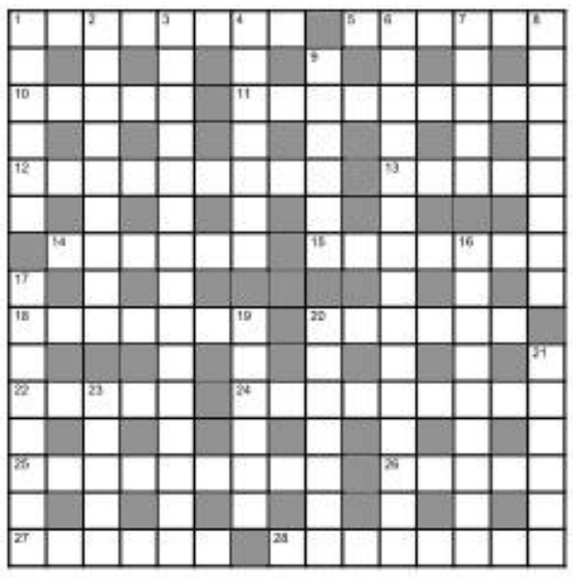

Across

1 Explosive day, say at capital of Belgium, mob went on a rampage (4,4)
5 Argues that leaders in Syria's capital rob all people surely (6)
10 Dakar ought to control hooligan (5)
11 Fun! Koala rolling around Uruguay's capital city (9)
12 Cycling show's done – Administration (9)
13 Goals reset for capital city (5)
14 Fighter's backed by people in capital (6)
15 Wagers that boy takes woman's place, one in Pondicherry say in a scuba diving costume (3,4)
18 Advantages of settling disputes after crossing capital of Thailand (7)
20 Having company; with Eva, lady of the same age (6)
22 Free Union leader; constant in news (5)
24 Capital is awful, has detained priest (9)
25 On first of January, Peru's leader was ousted, dispatched to an American city, capital city (9)
26 A game of chance; being dry in bathroom (5)
27 Britain is collecting gold, bit of some stored in capital (6)
28 One breaks into building, forages for food (4,4)

Down

1 Apathy at Tanzanian capital, poor suffering without right (6)
2 River at central Denmark, nearby there are places with computer accessories (9)
3 Graduate has a home completed, puts some inscription in South Asian language (6,9)
4 People get silver rating in capital city (7)
6 Daily story, having some tea and oatmeal pudding in capital city (9,6)
7 A wish to be with you (5)
8 Lack of boxes' infuriating, check out (8)
9 Satire on bird mostly to lift, say (3,3)
16 Banal tour organised in capital city (4-5)
17 Sweetheart in inn after setback in a deceptive event (3-2,3)
19 Silence on road is conditional to the Spanish retreat (6)
20 Pass by old motorway with boy, almost in capital city (7)
21 Losing grip, prodigious doctor turns offensive (6)
23 With one getting ahead, couple with son in capital city (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13637

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Saguna and Nirguna

The entire scriptures comprising the Vedas and the Vedanta truths are created by the Lord and they all speak about the Supreme Truth. As stated in the Gita, by whatever name He is addressed, the reference is to the One Supreme Lord alone. Krishna states that He alone is the Highest Truth spoken about in the Vedas and that this Truth can be realised only through scriptures, and above all by His grace, pointed out Sri Krishna Premi Swamigal in a discourse.

Among the various forms and approaches to devotion, the two main are worship of the Formless Brahman, Nirguna Brahman and of the Brahman with auspicious attributes, Saguna Brahman. Both Nirguna and Saguna Brahma upasanas are explained to Arjuna in the Gita. Nirguna Brahma Upasana is very demanding. One should have 'sama-darsana,' that is, the ability to view both joy and sorrow with an equal mind. This is possible only to those who are able to control the senses and the mind, which ironically, overpowers individuals. It does not mean that a Brahma Nishta, one who has such equanimity, is distanced from the world. He sees Brahma swaroopa in all objects and beings in this world and this makes him compassionate to all. The Lord shows that though Nirguna Brahma upasana is deemed higher, Saguna upasana is easier to practise by many. In Saguna Upasana, the omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent Lord is also shown as an embodiment of compassion. As the antaryami in all beings, He rules each and every aspect of creation. One who is able to fix his mind and heart in such a God is known as His bhakta. In His incarnations His forms as Narasimha, Rama or Krishna are suitable to be the object of our meditation. Worship of His auspicious qualities is a sure means for salvation for all of us.

India, China troops to take part in Russia war games in Vostok

The drills would include airborne troops, bombers and military cargo aircraft

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

Indian and Chinese troops are set to take part in military exercises in Russia later this month, the first such major war games to be hosted by Russia since its invasion of Ukraine in February.

China's Defence Ministry in Beijing on Wednesday in a statement announced the participation of People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops in the exercises, adding that "India, Belarus, Tajikistan, Mongolia and other countries will also participate".

India has also indicated its participation in the war games.

There was no response from the Indian Army on Wednesday to questions on India's participation.

Russia's Defence Ministry said last month the Vostok (East) 2022 exercises will be held from August 30 to September 5 in 13 training grounds in Russia's Eastern Military District, and that the manoeuvres would include units of airborne troops, long-range bombers and military cargo aircraft.

Russia's Vladimir Putin shaking hands with a Chinese serviceman during a joint exercise in Vostok in 2018. • AP

It remains unclear if Indian and Chinese troops will be present together or if they will take part in different drills which will be spread across the 13 different training grounds.

Deepening cooperation

The Chinese Defence Ministry statement noted the exercises were "unrelated to the current international and regional situation" and were aimed at "deepening the pragmatic and friendly cooperation with the militaries of participating countries, enhancing the level of strategic coordination of all participating parties, and enhancing the ability to deal with various security threats".

Indian and Chinese troops have remained in a stand-off that has lasted for more than two years along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh following the transgressions by the PLA in April 2020.

Disengagement has taken place in some areas along the LAC but talks to restore the status quo in the remaining friction areas in Hot Springs, Demchok and Depsang have been slow-moving.

Trump critic Cheney loses GOP primary

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CHEYENNE

Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, Donald Trump's fiercest Republican adversary in Congress, soundly lost a GOP primary, falling to a rival backed by the former president in a rout that reinforced his grip on the party's base. The third-term congresswoman and her allies entered Tuesday downbeat about her prospects, aware that Mr. Trump's backing gave Harriet Hageman considerable lift in the state where he won by the largest margin during the 2020 campaign.

Ms. Cheney was already looking ahead to a political future beyond Capitol Hill that could include a 2024 presidential run, potentially putting her on another collision course with Mr. Trump. On Wednesday, calling Mr. Trump "a very grave threat and risk to our republic," she told NBC that she thinks that defeating him will require "a broad and united front of Republicans, Democrats and independents – and that's what I intend to be part of." She declined to say if she would run for president but conceded it's "something that I'm thinking about."

'New beginning'

Ms. Cheney described her primary loss as the beginning of a new chapter in her political career as she addressed a small collection of supporters.

British workers need to work harder: Liz Truss

It's quite different in China, she's heard saying in audio

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

In a leaked audio, the U.K. Foreign Secretary and candidate for the Conservative Party leadership and the Prime Minister's post, Liz Truss, said British workers needed 'more graft' (hard work).

Ms. Truss is heard saying that British workers' hourly productivity is less than a comparator (the name of which is not available in the recording) and she attributes this to "a combination of skill and application".

The story was first reported by the *Guardian*, which posted the leaked audio and parts of the transcript on its website. The recording dates back to when Ms. Truss was the Chief Secretary at the Treasury during the 2017-19 period.

"If you go to China, it's quite different, I can assure you," she says at one point, referring to the work culture.

Liz Truss • REUTERS

Ms. Truss says there's a "slight thing" in Britain of wanting "easy answers", and this was her reflection of the election (presumably the June 2017 election in which Boris Johnson succeeded Theresa May) and the 2016 Brexit referendum which resulted in the U.K. leaving the E.U.

"... We say it's all Europe that's causing these huge problems; it's all these migrants causing these problems," she is heard saying in the audio. "But actually what needs to happen is more ... more graft. It's not a popular message."

Ms. Truss had voted to remain in the EU, but her position on the issue has since changed, she has said repeatedly during the campaign.

Ms. Truss and former Chancellor Rishi Sunak are competing for their party's leadership role, with hustings around the U.K. this month. Some 160,000 Conservative Party members are voting in this process and the winner is expected to be announced on September 5.

The domestic economy is front and centre of the issues, with Britons facing a cost of living crisis. The country's Inflation hit a forty-year high of 10.1% in July, as per consumer price index figures, which were released on Wednesday.

Israel, Turkey restore full relations

They will send ambassadors to each other's country after improvement in ties

REUTERS
JERUSALEM

Israel and Turkey have decided to restore full diplomatic ties and will return ambassadors to each other's country following a steady improvement in relations, Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid's office said on Wednesday. "Upgrading relations will contribute to deepening ties between the two peoples, expanding economic, trade, and cultural ties, and strengthening regional stability," said a statement issued following a conversation between Mr. Lapid and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The two countries expelled Ambassadors in 2018 over the killing of 60 Palestinians by Israeli forces during protests on the Gaza border against the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

A visit to Turkey by Israeli President Isaac Herzog in March helped warm relations. The move, which comes as Israel has sought to improve ties with regional powers, was agreed two years after the so-called Abraham Accords which saw relations normalised between Israel and four Arab countries.

Saudi woman jailed for 34 yrs

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
RIYADH

A Saudi court has sentenced a woman to 34 years in prison over her Twitter activity, according to court documents seen by AFP on Wednesday. The sentence issued against Salma al-Shehab, for aiding dissidents seeking to "disrupt public order" in the kingdom, was handed down by the Saudi appeals court on August 9.

Ms. Shehab, a Ph.D candidate at Britain's University and a mother of two, was also banned from travelling abroad for a further 34 years as part of the sentence.

Ms. Shehab had frequently tweeted about women's rights in the conservative Sunni Muslim country. The sentence comes amid a crackdown on rights activists in the oil-rich Gulf State, many of whom have been slapped with jail sentences and travel bans.

Pak. doctor pleads guilty to terror charge in U.S.

'Masood desired to fight for ISIS'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ST. PAUL (U.S.)

A Pakistani doctor and former Mayo Clinic research coordinator has pleaded guilty to a terrorism charge, more than two years after he was arrested for telling paid F.B.I informants that he pledged his allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) group and that he wanted to carry out lone wolf attacks in the U.S.

Muhammad Masood. • AP

Court records

According to online court records, Muhammad Masood on Tuesday pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organisation. A sentencing date has not been set.

Prosecutors say Masood was in the U.S. on a work visa. They alleged that starting in January of 2020, Masood made several statements to paid informants – whom he believed were members of the Islamic State group – pledging his allegiance to the group and its leader.

Travel to Syria

Prosecutors said Masood expressed his desire to travel to Syria to fight for ISIS and a desire to carry out lone wolf attacks in the U.S.

The Mayo Clinic has previously confirmed that Masood was a former employee at the medical center in Rochester, Minnesota, but was not employed by the clinic at the time of his arrest.

5 million face power cuts over heatwave

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

More than five million people in southwest China were facing rolling power cuts Wednesday as a heatwave creates an electricity supply crunch that has forced factories to stop work. Temperatures across Sichuan province have surpassed 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) in recent days, causing demand for air conditioning to spike.

The region also relies heavily on dams to generate its electricity but the heat has caused reservoirs to dry up, exacerbating the energy shortage.

A local power company said Dazhou, a city of 5.4 million people, would receive only intermittent supply on Wednesday, according to The Paper.

Residents would be hit with outages lasting up to three hours and the cuts could be extended, the report said, citing Dazhou Electric Power Group.

'North Korea fired 2 cruise missiles'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SEOUL

North Korea fired two cruise missiles on Wednesday, Seoul's Defence Ministry said, ending a month-long lull in Pyongyang's record-breaking spate of weapons tests this year. "Early this morning, we detected that North Korea fired two cruise missiles into the West Sea from Onchon, South Pyongan province," a Ministry official said.

"The U.S. and South Korean military authorities are analysing detailed specifications such as flight distance."

North Korea has not tested a cruise missile – which are not banned under United Nations sanctions on the country – since January, the Yonhap News Agency reported.

The last time Pyongyang conducted a weapons test was July 10, when they fired what appeared to be multiple rocket launchers.

Huge explosion in Kabul mosque, casualties feared

27 patients wounded in blast: hospital

REUTERS
KABUL

A huge explosion struck a mosque in Kabul during evening prayers on Wednesday, witnesses and police said, with many feared dead or injured.

Police said there were multiple casualties but did not say how many. One Taliban intelligence official told Reuters that as many as 35 people may have been wounded or killed, and the toll could rise further. Al Jazeera quoted an unidentified official as giving a death toll of 20.

27 injured in hospital

Kabul's Emergency Hospital said on Twitter they had received 27 patients wounded in the blast, including a seven-year-old child.

Witnesses told Reuters the powerful explosion was heard in a northern Kabul neighbourhood, shattering windows in nearby buildings.

Ambulances rushed to the spot.

Blast inside mosque

"A blast happened inside a mosque.... the blast has casualties, but the numbers are not clear yet," Kabul police spokesman Khalid Zadran told Reuters.

The Taliban intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the explosion occurred in a mosque among worshippers in Khair Khana area of Kabul.

Imam among victims

The Imam of the mosque was among those killed and the toll could still rise, the source added.

Intelligence teams were at blast site and further investigations were under way.

Other officials in the Taliban government did not reply to multiple requests to confirm the number of casualties.

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29	Pathology/ Lab Medicine									1	1		2			1			1	1			1		2
30	Pharmacology			1			1				1		1				1		1						
31	Physical Medicine and Rehab.					1	1									1			1						
32	Physiology				2		2	1					1	1	1	1			3			1			1
33	Psychiatry			1			1							1					1	1			1		2
34	Pulmonary Medicine	1					1					1	1												
35	Radiodiagnosis			1			1		1				1	1					1	1	1	1	1		4
36	Radiotherapy				1		1			1			1												
37	Surgical Gastroenterology				1		1	1					1	1		1	1		3	1					1
38	Surgical Oncology					1	1			1			1		1		1	1	3			1	1		2
39	Transfusion Medicine & Blood Bank	1					1		1				1	1					1				1		1
40	Trauma & Emergency**			1			1													1	2	1			4
41	Urology				1		1			1			1		1	2	1		4						
	TOTAL	8	3	13	16	3	43	7	2	12	13	2	36	10	4	16	14	3	47	11	5	15	14	2	47

Total post advertised: 173 (including backlog vacancies). **Abbreviations used : EWS :** Economically Weaker Section, **UR :** Unreserved, **OBC :** Other Backward Classes,**SC :** Scheduled Castes, **ST :** Scheduled Tribes, **PwBD :** Persons with Benchmark Disabilities.

*Eligible candidates (for the post of Associate or Assistant Professor) of the respective category (UR/OBC/SC/ST/EWS) are encouraged to apply even though only higher cadre posts of Additional/Associate Professor are advertised. **For the post of Assistant Professor in Trauma & Emergency, the seat distribution : **SC-** Anaesthesiology, **ST-** Emergency Medicine, **OBC-**Neurosurgery, **ST-** Orthopaedics

Note : 1. Application Process : - Candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria in all respects are required to apply through **ONLINE** mode. Please visit institutes website **www.aiimspatna.edu.in** for online application.

Opening date of online application : **20th August 2022** First cut-off date : **19th September 2022** Second cut-off date : **31stDecember 2022**

2. Applicants are required to pay non-refundable application fee of Rs. 1500/-(for General & OBC Candidates) and Rs. 1200/- (for SC/ST/EWS Candidates). There is no fee for PwBD Candidates.Application fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

3. All further updates will be through institute website : **www.aiimspatna.edu.in.**

Sd/-
Executive Director, AIIMS Patna

MARKET WATCH

	17-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,260	0.70
US Dollar	79.45	0.36
Gold	52,340	-0.01
Brent oil	92.6	-0.14

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	824.75	0.60
Apollo Hosp	4305.75	-43.65
Asian Paints	3523.70	22.70
Axis Bank	772.10	7.45
Bajaj Auto	4067.90	-23.25
Bajaj Finserv	16840.30	924.55
Bajaj Finance	7527.10	241.00
Bharti Airtel	722.95	18.85
BPCL	353.15	7.25
Britannia Ind	3705.20	14.75
Cipla	1025.75	-8.80
Coal India	221.45	-1.45
Divis Lab	3748.40	16.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4315.90	18.10
Eicher Motors	3397.60	59.55
Grasim Ind	1616.55	25.00
HCL Tech	980.60	22.40
HDFC	2491.60	7.45
HDFC Bank	1509.90	7.75
HDFC Life	589.35	18.75
Hero MotoCorp	2913.45	96.45
Hindalco	438.95	10.05
Hind Unilever	2684.65	40.15
ICICI Bank	883.25	4.00
IndusInd Bank	1088.60	4.15
Infosys	1606.25	9.80
ITC	312.55	2.00
JSW Steel	672.60	-1.25
Kotak Bank	1839.70	-6.65
L&T	1855.70	6.80
M&M	1274.25	-14.05
Maruti Suzuki	8944.35	-59.35
Nestle India Ltd.	19735.30	52.35
NTPC	161.45	2.70
ONGC	139.65	-0.30
PowerGrid Corp	228.50	-0.35
Reliance Ind	2665.15	13.85
SBI Life	1305.35	-4.25
State Bank	528.15	2.20
Shree Cement	21420.95	-19.60
Sun Pharma	920.80	6.20
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	793.50	14.00
Tata Motors	485.40	-4.45
Tata Steel	112.50	-0.50
TCS	3401.10	8.40
Tech Mahindra	1104.50	26.80
Titan	2492.20	-1.65
UltraTech Cement	6609.85	-46.15
UPL	790.50	1.95
Wipro	443.05	5.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 17

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.25	79.57
Euro	80.65	80.98
British Pound	95.84	96.24
Japanese Yen (100)	58.78	59.02
Chinese Yuan	11.69	11.74
Swiss Franc	83.29	83.63
Singapore Dollar	57.35	57.60
Canadian Dollar	61.54	61.79
Malaysian Ringitt	17.72	17.82
Australian Dollar	55.16	55.39

Source:Indian Bank

Credit guarantee plan expanded to aid hospitality, related sectors

'Loan cover of ₹50,000 cr. for sustenance, recovery of firms dented by COVID-19'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an enhancement of ₹50,000 crore in the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), raising its limit to ₹5 lakh crore, with the additional amount set to be deployed for enterprises in the hospitality and related sectors that were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A leg up: Demand remains subdued for the contact-intensive sectors while others have recovered faster. • VIBHAV BIRWATKAR

As of August 5, loans of ₹3.67 lakh crore had been sanctioned under the ECLGS, which was introduced to provide guarantees for additional credit needs of businesses hit by lockdowns and disruptions since the onset of the pandemic in 2020.

The Cabinet decided that the additional amount of ₹50,000 crore would be made applicable to enterprises in hospitality and related sectors till March 31, 2023. This step had been announced in this year's Union Budget. "The enhancement is expected to provide much needed relief to enterprises in these sectors by incentivising lending institutions to provide additional credit of up to ₹50,000 crore at low cost," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The pandemic had adversely affected contact-intensive sectors, and demand has continued to be subdued for them even as other sectors have returned to the recovery path faster.

Justifying the need for interventions for such businesses' 'sustenance and recovery', the Ministry added that their revival was also necessary for supporting the overall ecomomic rebound, taking into account their high employment intensity as well as their linkages with other sectors.

Rupee strengthens 29 paise to 79.45 to a dollar

'Lower oil prices and inflation help'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The rupee gained 29 paise to settle at 79.45 against the U.S. dollar on Wednesday as heavy buying in domestic equities and persistent foreign capital inflows aided investor sentiment.

Besides, softening crude oil prices and easing inflationary pressures supported the rupee, foreign exchange traders said.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.06%.

The benchmark BSE Sensex gained 417.92 points, or 0.7%, to close at 60,260.13. Foreign investors have continued to invest in Indian equities and pumped in ₹22,452 crore in the first two

weeks of this month.

"The Indian rupee is well supported following lower crude oil prices and foreign fund inflows," said Dilip Parmar, research analyst, HDFC Securities. "However, traders are cautious ahead of FOMC minutes and expect corporate dollar outflows in the coming days which could limit the upside in the rupee," he added.

U.K. inflation races to 10.1%, a 20-year high

REUTERS
LONDON

British consumer price inflation quickened to 10.1% in July, its highest since February 1982, from an annual rate of 9.4% in June, as the squeeze on households intensifies, official figures showed on Wednesday.

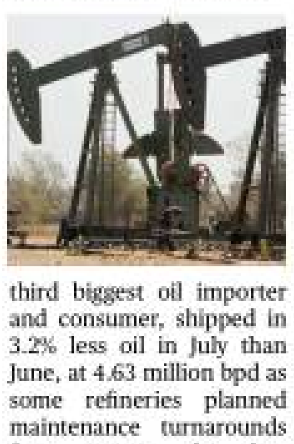
Price gains surpassed economists' expectations in a Reuters poll for inflation to accelerate to 9.8%, and will do nothing to ease the Bank of England's concerns that price pressures may become entrenched. Earlier this month, the BoE raised its key interest rate to 1.75% – its first half-point raise since 1995 – and forecast inflation would peak at 13.3% in October, when regulated household energy prices are due to rise.

India said to ease oil buys from Russia in July

Refiners lifted more crude from Saudi

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

India's crude oil imports from Russia in July fell for the first time since March along with its overall purchase while supplies from Saudi Arabia rebounded for the first time in five months, data from trade and industry sources showed.



Indian refiners lifted more term supplies from Saudi Arabia as prices were attractive while prices for Russian supplies have climbed on robust demand.

India shipped in 8,77,400 barrels per day (bpd) of oil from Russia in July, a decline of about 7.3% from June, with Moscow continuing as the country's biggest oil supplier after Iraq.

Overall. India, the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 3.2% less oil in July than June, at 4.63 million bpd as some refineries planned maintenance turnarounds from August, the data showed.

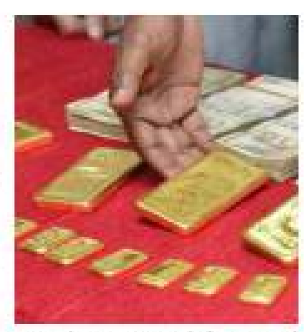
India's oil imports from Saudi Arabia rose by 25.6% to 8,24,700 bpd in July, the highest in three months, the data showed, after the producer lowered official selling prices in June and July.

Centre raises thresholds for prosecution under Customs Act

Limits won't apply for offences around fake currency, arms

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government has raised the thresholds for prosecutions and arrests under the Customs Act to ₹50 lakh from ₹20 lakh for smuggling and illegal imports of goods in baggage, and from ₹1 crore to ₹2 crore for cases involving commercial fraud.



The changes have been notified via two circulars issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs under the Department of Revenue on Tuesday.

However, these value-related thresholds will not apply for offences relating to fake currency notes, arms, ammunitions and explosives, antiques, art treasures, wildlife items and endangered species of flora and fauna. "In such cases, arrest, if required, on the basis of facts and circumstances of the case, may be considered irrespective of value of offending goods involved," the board said in its official communique to field formations.

"While the civil proceedings would continue for duty, interest and penalty recovery; prosecution and arrest would be initiated in cases where the financial severity is high," explained Abhishek Jain, partner (indirect tax) at KPMG in India. "In an effective justice system, prosecution and arrest should be initiated only in situations involving substantial duty evasion," Mr. Jain added.

Apart from increasing the threshold monetary limit for arrests, prosecution and bail, the board's circulars also provide a more illustrative list of scenarios where offences could lead to arrest, which would help reduce litigation and bring greater clarity for importers as well as officials, said Saurabh Agarwal, tax partner at EY.

India's oil demand to rise 7.73% in 2022: OPEC

'Pace of growth ahead of China, U.S.'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India's demand for petroleum products such as petrol and diesel will grow by 7.73% in 2022, the fastest pace in the world, according to a report by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Demand for oil products is projected to rise from 4.77 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2021 to 5.14 million bpd in 2022, OPEC said.

The growth in demand is the fastest in the world ahead of 1.23% of China, 3.39% of the U.S. and 4.62% of Europe.

India is the world's third largest oil-importing and consuming nation and trails only the U.S. and China.

This demand is supported by the healthy economic growth of 7.1%, continuing reopening of the economy amid easing COVID restrictions and easing of trade-related bottlenecks, supporting both mobility and industrial-sector activity.

OPEC said demand would see a dip in the third quarter on arrival of monsoon but would pick up the following quarter on the back of the festival and holiday season.

IN BRIEF

'India shipped 38 million wearables in H1 of 2022'

BENGALURU

India shipped 38 million units of wearables in the first half of calendar 2022, marking a year-on-year growth of 66%, the International Data Corporation (IDC) said. According to IDC's India Monthly Wearable Device Tracker, 23.9 million wearable devices were shipped in the April-June quarter, a more than twofold growth year-on-year.

Bharti pays ₹8,312.4 cr. upfront for 5G spectrum

NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel said it had paid ₹8,312.4 crore to DoT towards dues for spectrum acquired in the recent 5G auctions. Bharti has now paid four years of 2022 spectrum dues upfront. The telco said this upfront payment, and the moratorium on spectrum dues and adjusted gross revenue-related payments for four years, would free up future cash flows and allow it to dedicate resources to single-mindedly concentrate on the 5G roll-out. PTI

BNI Azpire to organise business meet tomorrow

CHENNAI

BNI Azpire is holding a business conclave titled 'Bizpire Expo' on Friday at Hotel Crowne Plaza. It will showcase products and services required for B2B and B2C segments such as architects, builders, contractors, IT and ITES service providers, finance and taxation solutions, among others. BNI is a worldwide referral organisation with the primary goal of helping members gain business through referrals.

'India climbs one spot in median mobile speeds'

BENGALURU

India in July gained one spot in global ranking for median mobile speeds to the 117th position, from 118 in June. However, the country saw a dip in median mobile download speeds to 13.41 Mbps from 14.00 Mbps in the previous month, said Ookla, a global leader in connectivity monitoring. India climbed two spots in global ranking for overall median fixed broadband speeds – from 72 in June to 70 in July, it said.

Centre restores farm loan interest subsidy as rates rise

Govt. to allocate ₹34,856 cr. more from 2022-23 to 2024-25

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to restore the interest subvention on short-term agriculture loans to 1.5% for all financial institutions, including cooperative banks.

The Centre said the increase in interest subvention support required an additional budgetary provision of ₹34,856 crore for the period of 2022-23 to 2024-25.

Explaining the rationale behind the decision, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said as the Reserve Bank of India had recently increased the repo rate, an intervention was necessary to maintain the interest rate on short-term agriculture loans at 7%.

He said the Centre's support to banks for the interest subvention scheme was stopped in May 2020 as the banks were able to provide such loans at 7%.

"Thus, interest subvention of 1.5% will be provided to lending institutions (public sector banks, private sector banks, small finance banks, regional rural banks, cooperative banks and computerised primary agriculture cooperatives directly ceded with commercial banks) for the financial years 2022-23 to 2024-25 for lending short-term agri-loans upto ₹3 lakh to the farmers," the government said.

The Centre said the increase in interest subvention would ensure sustainability of credit flow in the agriculture sector as well as financial health and viability of the lending institutions, ensuring adequate agriculture credit in the rural economy.

"Banks will be able to absorb increase in cost of funds and will be encouraged to grant loans to farmers for short-term agriculture requirements and enable more farmers to get the benefit of agriculture credit. This will also lead to generation of employment."

'Retail sees good growth over pre-COVID levels'

July sales rise 18%, RAI survey shows

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Retail businesses across India continued to post healthy growth over pre-pandemic levels, registering an 18% rise in July sales compared with the same month in 2019, the Retailers Association of India (RAI) said.

As per the latest business survey by RAI, the eastern India region saw the highest year-on-year growth of 25% last month, followed by the south at 21%, north at 16% and the west at 10%.

In terms of categories, sports goods clocked the highest growth rate with a 32% increase over July 2019, followed by footwear and furniture and furnishing at 23% each.

Apparel and clothing registered a 22% rise, while quick service restaurants, consumer durables and electronics and footwear posted a growth of 17%, according to the survey.

"Retail businesses across the country are looking good as healthy growth in sales over pre-pandemic levels continues," RAI Chief Executive Officer Kumar Rajagopalan said.

Considering this, he said, "Retailers expect a good festive season, which could bring cheer to businesses."

HLFL set to merge with NXT Digital

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The board of directors of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd. (HLFL) has approved the company's merger with NXT Digital Ltd.

The scheme does not involve any cash consideration, the NBFC said through its parent company Ashok Leyland (ALL).

HLFL shareholders would get 23 equity shares in Next Digital (NDL) for every 10 shares held. The merger would help fuel the expansion plans of both the companies, ALL said.

For FY22, HLFL reported income from operations of ₹2,669 crore, net worth of ₹3,852 crore and AUM of more than ₹29,000 crore. NDL logged income from operations of ₹764 crore, with net worth ₹469 crore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Sri N.A. Nagaraj Shetty** S/o late N. Anjaneya Shetty, presently R/at No. 840/D, 1st 'E' Main Road, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Bengaluru-85 has entered into a registered Agreement of Sale **dated 26-12-2015** vide **Doc. No. KDR-1-05357-2015-16** with **M/s. Sri Ventures Land Developers India Ltd**, a company registered under the Companies Act 1956 presently having office at No. 82/1, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Prakashnagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-10, Rep. by its Director, to purchase the sites having different sizes mentioned in Schedule 'B' properties which are part and parcel of Schedule 'A' property mentioned below. My client's Vendor company have entered into a registered Joint Development Agreement dated 20-05-2013 vide Doc. No. KDR-1-05513-2014-15 and supplementary agreement dated 05-11-2015 vide Doc. No. KDR-4-00293-2015-16 with the landlords of the schedule 'A' property to form residential layout therein and got converted the land vide conversion order dated 11-08-2014 vide No. A2.ALN/CR/252, 253, 254, 255/2013-14 from the Deputy Commissioner of Chikkamagalur District. Thereafter got approved the layout plan from the Town Planning Authority, Bengaluru on 05-12-2014 vide order No. [illegible]/01/2014-15. My client has purchased the schedule 'B' properties from the Vendor company herein out of its share allotted by virtue of the registered Joint Development Agreement dated 20-05-2013 and 05-11-2015. Further my client has paid substantial part sale consideration amount to aforesaid Vendor company out of total sale consideration mentioned in the agreement of sale dated 20-05-2013, same is acknowledged and confirmed by them. Further the Vendor Company have received further part sale consideration amount on 15-06-2020 and 22-06-2020 from my client through his bank account and endorsed on the agreement of sale and acknowledged for having received the amount, hence the said registered agreement of sale still subsists and in force for all practical purpose. The notice dated 25-07-2022 issued to the Vendor company by my client in compliance of Sec. 16(1)(c) of the Specific Relief Act 1963 were returned as Door Locked, hence this public notice.

Any Person/Society/Firm or any other body, having any manner of right, title, interest, claim on the below mentioned schedule 'B' property or any part thereof by way of any agreement, contract, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, possession, lien, charge, mortgage, exchange or by any such deed/instrument of transfer, easement or otherwise, may submit their objection(s), claim(s) in writing with us at the under mentioned address through Registered Post acknowledgement due along with the supporting documentary proof, within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Further in case above named my clint vendor company or its director done any manner or any type of transaction in pursuant to the aforesaid registered agreement of sale dated 26/12/2015 or suppressing the same with any third party same is not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site formed in the layout which was converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Chikmagalore on 11-08-2014 in proceedings No. A2:ALN:CR:252, 253, 254, 255, 2013-14 and jurisdictional Bangalore Town Planning Authority had approved the layout plan vide order No. [illegible]/01/2014-15. dated 05-12-2014 for the following Sy No's (1) Sy. No. 6/1, measuring 12 guntas; (2) Sy. No. 7/4, measuring 17 guntas; (3) Sy. No. 10/3, measuring 1 Acre; (4) Sy. No. 10/2, measuring 1 Acre 9 Guntas; (5) Sy. No. 11, measuring 8 Acres 27 Guntas; (6) Sy. No. 39, measuring 1 Acre 1 Gunta; (7) Sy. No. 40/2, measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas; (8) Sy. No. 41/1, 3 Acres 9 Guntas; (9) Sy. No. 41, measuring 5 Acres; (10) Sy. No. 12/2, measuring 6 Acres and (11) Sy. No. 12/1, measuring 6 Acres 13 Guntas.

The property in total measuring 35 Acres 07 Guntas having common boundary situated at V.L. Nagar, (Tangli village), Kasaba Hobli, Kadur and bounded on **East by**: Private property with Coconut Garden, **West by**: Marabovi B.H. Road, **North by**: Veda River Channel **South by**: Maravanji village Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

(Subject matter of registered agreement of sale dated 26-12-2015)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Sites bearing No. which is morefully described and attached as ANNEXURE 1 and total measuring 36766.75 Sq. Ft vide conversion order dated 11-08-2014 vide order dated 22-01-2014 in No. A2: ALN:CR:252, 253, 254, 255, 2013-14 by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagalur situated at V.L. Nagar, (Tangli village) Kasaba Hobli, Kadur, which has been approved by Bangalore Town Planning Authority vide resolution No. [illegible]/01/2014-15 dated 05-12-2014, position is not given.

ANNEXURE 1

Sl. No.	Site No.	Sq. Mt/Ft	Sy. No.	East	West	North	South
1.	76	108 Mt	41	Sn. 74	Road	Sn. 77	Sn. 75
2.	96	108 Mt	41	Sn. 93	Road	Sn. 97	Sn. 95
3	102	108 Mt	41	Sn. 87	Road	Sn. 103	Sn. 101
4	111	108 Mt	41	Road	Sn. 126	Sn.110	Sn. 112
5	120	108 Mt	41	117	Road	Sn. 121	Sn. 119
6	145	108 Mt	40/1	Sn. 141	Road	Sn. 146	Sn. 144
7	154	135 Mt	40/1	Sn. 132	Road	Sn. 155	Sn. 153
8	52	135 Mt	41	Sn. 53	Sn. 51	Road	PP
9	85	135 Mt	41	Road	Sn. 104	Sn. 84	Sn. 86
10	132	135 Mt	40/1 & 41	Road	Sn. 154	Sn. 131	Sn.133
11	140	135 Mt	40/1 & 41	Road	Sn. 146	Sn.139	Sn. 141
12	165	135 Mt	40/1	Road	Sn. 169	Sn. 164	Sn. 166
13	204	135 Mt	39	Road	Sn. 233	Sn. 203	Sn. 205
14	46	216 Mt	11	Sn. 44 &	Road	Sn. 47	Sn. 205
15	1	2647.94 Ft	7/4	Sn. 2	Road	Sn. 10	Road
16	4	2583.36 Ft	6/1	Sn. 5	Sn. 3	Sn. 13	Road
17	7	2647.94 Ft	6/1 & 11	Sn. 8	Sn. 6	Sn. 16	Road
18	25	2195.86 Ft	11	Sn. 26	Sn. 24	Road	Road
19	182	4082.25 Ft	40/1 & 40/2	Road	Sn. 202 &	Road	Sn. 183
20	191	2809.4 Ft	40/1 & 40/2	Road	Sn. 192	Sn. 190	Road

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only) (Two Cover System)

Sealed bids are invited through GoK e-procurement website portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the reputed manufacturers / authorized dealers / suppliers for the work of **1) KPCL/2022-23/IND5720/CALL-3 dtd 10.08.2022:** Supply of LT Motors for RTPS as per Annexure-I and YTPS as per Annexure-II. **2) KPCL/2022-23/IND6100 dtd 12.08.2022:** Procurement of 75MT calcium Hypo Chlorite (65%) required for RTPS, YTPS & BTPS for the period of one year in two equal lots to respective projects as per the quantity schedule. Further details can be had from the **Chief Engineer (Thermal Designs), KPCL, No.3, 2nd Floor, Green Building, (Drugs Control Department Premises), Palace Road, Bengaluru-560 001.** Mobile: 9449596598, 9141607685, Email: cetdkpcl@karnataka.gov.in, eem2cetdkpc@karnataka.gov.in

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore-560 001

The Executive Engineer PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore invites tender from The Tenderer as a Prime Contractor having valid Electrical License Class-I issued by Electrical Inspectorate, Govt. of Karnataka for Providing Sound and Lighting System to Samskruthika bhavana at Sorabha in Shivmogga KPWD/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT154047/CALL-2 Tender's Second Call for Amount Rs.54.86 Lakhs. As per KW-3, STD Conditions. The details may be seen and Downloaded at web site: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Downloading from dt:12.08.2022 to 23.08.2022 up to 16:00 Hours. Submitted online in e-Procurement Portal on 23.08.2022 before 16:00 Hours. Further details contact under signed office at working Hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore-01

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SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender in two bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka, for Providing RIS(Radiology Information System) & PACS System with networking(Picture Archival Communication System) for X-ray, Echo, TMT, CT, MRI Images and others with hardware for SJICR, B.G. Road, Bengaluru.

The tenderers can download the documents from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **20-08-2022** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **03-09-2022 upto 4-00 PM.**

1. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **25-08-2022 at 11-30 AM.**
2. Date of Technical Bid opening: **05-09-2022 at 4-00 PM.**
3. **EMD:** as mentioned in the tender document
4. For further details, please visit our website: **www.jayadevacardiology.com**
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer.

First ODI today, focus on Rahul

Zimbabwe will look to spring a surprise after its good show against Bangladesh

INDIA IN ZIM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HARARE

Skipper K.L. Rahul's form and fitness will be observed keenly when India takes on Zimbabwe in a three-match series, starting on Thursday, in the 50-over format.

Supposed to be one of the most vital cogs in India's T20 World Cup top-order, Rahul would like to make full use of the game time he gets as an opener during the three games against Regis Chakabva's side.

All set: The two captains, Chakabva and Rahul, pose with the trophy they will play for. • AP

Approach

It won't just be about runs that skipper Rohit Sharma or coach Rahul Dravid would be looking at when they monitor Rahul's performance in Zimbabwe.

Rather they would like to check out his approach and the manner in which he is scoring runs, something he would need to tweak before the first Asia Cup game.

Strong batting line-up

At the Harare Sports Club where Zimbabwe chased down Bangladesh's 300 plus and 290-odd targets in successive games in the recently-concluded series, India's batting line-up with Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda and Sanju Samson will certainly prove to be more than a handful for hosts.

And unlike Bangladesh, a bowling attack comprising Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Deepak Chahar, Kuldeep Yadav along with all-rounders Shardul Thakur and Axar Patel has more potency in any conditions against this Zimbabwe line-up.

India-Zimbabwe H2H in ODIs

Overall	M 63	India 51	Zimbabwe 10	Tied 2
In Zimbabwe	M 23	India 19	Zimbabwe 4	Tied 0
At Harare Sports Club	M 16	India 14	Zimbabwe 2	Tied 0

The schedule August 18, 20 & 22
All matches at Harare Sports Club, 12.45 p.m. IST

For the host Zimbabwe, the aim would be to become the proverbial banana peel on which Rahul and his men can slip as a series win for Men in Blue would hardly win them any accolades but a defeat would invite sharp criticism.

The hosts therefore wouldn't mind if the likes of Sikandar Raza, Chakabva and Innocent Kaia repeat their batting performances from the Bangladesh encounters and show the world that the previous series win was not a flash in the pan.

The team (from): India: K.L. Rahul (Capt.), Shikhar Dhawan (vice-capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan (wk), Sanju Samson (wk), Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd. Siraj, Deepak Chahar and Shahbaz Ahmed.

Zimbabwe: Regis Chakabva (Capt.), Ryan Burl, Tanaka Chivanga, Bradley Evans, Luke Jongwe, Innocent Kaia, Takudzwanashe Kaitano, Clive Madande, Wessly Madhevere, Tadiwanashe Marumani, John Masara, Tony Munyonga, Richard Ngarava, Victor Nyauchi, Sikandar Raza, Milton Shumba and Donald Tiripano.

Match starts at 12:45 p.m. IST.

Indian men to play 38 Tests in the next cycle

They will take part in 42 ODIs and 61 T20Is in the period 2023-27

ICC FTP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Indian men's team will be playing a whopping 141 bilateral international matches – 38 Tests, 42 ODIs and 61 T20Is – during the next cycle according to the Future Tours Programme (FTP) for 2023-27 released by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday.

The 12 Members will play a total of 777 international matches – 173 Tests, 281 ODIs and 323 T20Is – in the 2023-2027 FTP cycle compared to the 694 in the current one.

This includes the next two cycles of the ICC Men's World Test Championship, multiple ICC events and a host of bilateral as well as tri-series action.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy

The India versus Australia Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy that used to be a four-match affair will become five-Test series.

While Australia is visiting India early next year in a four-Test series as part of previous cycle, India will tour Down Under during December 2024-January 2025 when it will play a five-Test series for the first time since 1991.

Full tour of West Indies

During the next FTP cycle, India would also be travelling to the West Indies (July-Aug 2023) for a full tour consisting of two Tests, three ODIs and three T20Is.

The five-Test home series against England will be tentatively held between January-March in 2024.

In this cycle, India will also host Bangladesh for a two-Test series in September 2024.

The Men in Blue will play 27 ODIs before they play the 2023 50-over World Cup at home in October-November next year.

The chunk of these matches is from the previous FTP cycle which also includes home three-match series against South Africa and an away three-match series against New Zealand just after T20 World Cup.

T20 World Cup: 'We will give our 100%'

Team is slightly nervous as the tournament approaches, admits Pant

SHAYAN ACHARYA
MUMBAI

It's been nearly a decade since the Indian cricket team won an ICC event.

As the team gears up for the T20 World Cup, to be played in Australia in October-November this year, Rishabh Pant admits that even though there is 'slight' nervousness, the side will give its 100% to achieve success.

"Especially, with the World Cup around the corner, the whole team is slightly nervous, but at the same time, as a team we would love to give our 100% and focus on our process. That's the only thing we can do... we give our 100% as individuals and as a team," Pant said at an event organised by Visit Victoria, the tourism board of the State of Victoria.

In the last edition of the T20 World Cup in 2016, India lost against the West Indies in the semifinals and this time around, the team wants to go all the way.

Positive: Pant hopes India will reach the final of the T20 World Cup in Australia. • AFP

"Hopefully we'll reach the final and do the best for the team," Pant said, "As (a part of) the Indian team, we'd love to have as many supporters as we can in Australia to back us. Every cheer counts for us. It makes us believe that we can win."

> **Every cheer counts for us. It makes us believe that we can win**

Pant has fond memories of playing in Australia as his crucial contribution guided the Indian Test team in clinching a series last year.

"It's one of my favourite moments in my cricketing career so far. I'm glad that I could help my team cross the line that day and have that amazing Test match and series win," Pant reminisced.

Amazing MCG

Having played enough cricket Down Under, Pant also spoke highly of the Melbourne Cricket Ground which will host the India-Pakistan clash in the T20 World Cup. "It's an amazing atmosphere playing at the MCG, because it's one of the most iconic cricket stadiums in the world. So, I would love to play there. The Indian crowd there is brilliant."

South Africa seamers call the shots

Pope scores a defiant unbeaten half-century; rain mars play

SA IN ENG

REUTERS
LONDON

Anrich Nortje took three wickets as South Africa's seamers tore through England's top order to leave the home side teetering on 116 for six before rain brought a premature close to day one of the first Test at Lord's on Wednesday.

England looked as though it would be bowled out for a low total before the weather intervened just six overs after the lunch interval and no more play was possible.

Ollie Pope produced a lone resistance to the visitors' relentless onslaught and is unbeaten on 61.

Holding fort: Pope stood firm amidst ruins. • AP

Rabada strikes early

Kagiso Rabada (2/36), who was an injury doubt going into the game, made an excellent start, dismissing both England openers cheaply to catches behind the wicket.

Joe Root (8) was trapped leg before wicket by left-arm seamer Marco Jansen, the in-swinging ball shown to be clipping the leg stump.

Jonny Bairstow produced a shot to forget when he missed a rapid straight delivery from Nortje (3/43) and was bowled for a duck, beaten for sheer pace by a delivery that topped 150-kilometres per hour.

Stokes had looked to attack the bowling and reached 20 from 30 balls before he was caught by third slip Keegan Petersen off Nortje, the last ball before lunch to compound a miserable morning for the hosts.

Ben Foakes (six) was bowled by Nortje.

SCOREBOARD

England — 1st innings: Alex Lees c Verreynne b Rabada 5, Zak Crawley c Markram b Rabada 9, Ollie Pope (batting) 61, Joe Root lbw b Jansen 8, Jonny Bairstow b Nortje 0, Ben Stokes c Petersen b Nortje 20, Ben Foakes b Nortje 6, Stuart Broad (batting) 0; Extras (lb-7): 7; Total (for six wkts. in 32 overs): 116.

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-25, 3-42, 4-55, 5-100, 6-116.

South Africa bowling: Rabada 12-1-36-2, Ngidi 5-1-12-0, Jansen 6-1-18-1, Nortje 9-1-43-3.

Toss: South Africa.

Pragg shocks Anish Giri

Leads the field jointly with Carlsen

FTX CRYPTO CUP

RAKESH RAO

Gaining confidence with every game, R. Praggnanandhaa nailed Anish Giri (Netherlands) 2.5-1.5 with black pieces to stay with Magnus Carlsen (Norway) in the lead at six points after two rounds of the $210,000 FTX Crypto Cup rapid chess in Miami on Tuesday.

After the first three games ended in draws, Praggnanandhaa won the fourth to leave Anish stranded at the point of no return in their best-of-four-game clash.

With each victory over the four rapid games worth $7500, Praggnanandhaa has already ensured $15,000. On Monday, Praggnanandhaa won the battle of teenagers against World No. 4 Alireza Firouzja (France).

Carlsen kept pace with the Indian after beating Hans Nieman (USA) 3-1 despite losing opening game.

For the second straight day, Praggnanandhaa's play caught everyone's attention.

The first game, where Praggnanandhaa played white and had his share of worries, ended in 46 moves and the second, following a repetition of moves, in 34.

Praggnanandhaa. • FILE PHOTO: B. VELANKANNI RAJ

In the third, Praggnanandhaa could have seized the initiative by finding the moves of optimum strength to gain a decisive advantage.

But the youngster missed those not-easy-to-find winning continuations and the game eventually ended with just the kings on the board, in 69 moves.

What followed was the tie-deciding encounter.

Third-round line-up: Nieman-Praggnanandhaa, Aronian-Carlsen; Anish-Firouzja and Liem-Duda.

SC asks Centre to take steps to ensure India hosts U-17 Women's WC

Government has already met with FIFA officials twice in a bid to resolve the issue, says Solicitor General

AIFF BAN

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre to take proactive steps to ensure that India hosts the Under-17 Women's World Cup in October even as the government informed of its efforts to "break the ice" with the world body over the suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

The FIFA ban has thrown a cloud of uncertainty over the prospect of India hosting the World Cup this year.

A day after the government sought an urgent hearing of the case in the Supreme Court, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta asked the court to adjourn the case till August 22.

Breaking the ice

"We are trying to break the ice," Mehta explained to a three-judge Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.

The law officer said the government has already twice met with FIFA officials in a bid to resolve the issue. Mehta said in view of the "active discussions" being held, the hearing could be postponed to August 22. He said the Committee of Administrators (CoA) is also playing a constructive role in the talks with FIFA.

"We would impress upon the Union of India to take proactive role in the matter for holding the World Cup and so that lifting of ban on AIFF is facilitated," the court observed, postponing the case to Monday.

Outside forces

Some of the parties, including petitioner Rahul Mehra, said outside forces have orchestrated the turn of events.

To this, the court warned that it would certainly intervene if "somebody from outside is trying to create something..."

Solicitor General Mehta interjected to note that he represents the government and agreed that the court should come down heavily on those who are trying to interfere.

"This is a great event for the country, for children under 17," the court observed.

"Yes, this is about the pride of the country," Mehta agreed.

On Tuesday, news broke out about the FIFA ban, citing "undue influence from third parties" as the reason for AIFF's suspension.

The apex court had appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA) to govern the AIFF following an order on May 18, 2022, in which it was observed that the continuance of the executive committee of the AIFF beyond its four-year term was "not in the interest of the proper governance of the Federation".

SNAPSHOTS

Thiem, Venus, Kenin get US Open wild cards

NEW YORK

Dominic Thiem, Venus Williams and Sofia Kenin were among those named on Wednesday as wild cards for the US Open main draw. AFP

Ireland wins series

BELFAST

Ireland beat Afghanistan by seven wickets with two balls remaining in the rain-reduced fifth T20I here on Wednesday and won the five-match series 3-2.

The scores: Afghanistan 95/5 in 15 overs (Usman Ghani 44 n.o., Mark Adair 3/16 lost to Ireland 56/3 in 6.4 overs.

Ireland won by seven wickets under D/L method to clinch the five-match series 3-2.

Quick Guns beat Yoddhas

PUNE

Chennai Quick Guns defeated Telugu Yoddhas 53-46 in the inaugural Ultimate Kho Kho here on Wednesday.

Other result: Gujarat Giants 66 bt Mumbai Khiladis 48. PTI

Hosting of men's World Cup on track

HI election process to be completed by October 9

HOCKEY

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

The men's hockey World Cup 2023 is all set to be safe and on track to be hosted by India as scheduled after a meeting between the FIH and CoA onWednesday.

The meeting discussed, among other things, the redrafting of the Hockey India (HI) constitution in accordance with both the FIH and the National Sports Code and fresh elections to the federation.

The meeting was attended by FIH acting-president Seif Ahmed, CEO Thierry Weil and CoA members – Justice (retd) Anil R Dave, S.Y. Quraishi and Zafar Iqbal.

While the Delhi High Court-ordered first draft of the modified constitution was submitted on Wednesday, the final draft will be delivered in the next ten days. The HI election process has also been mutually decided to be completed by October 9, a joint statement by both parties announced.

In contrast to the recent FIFA ban on the AIFF for "undue influence from third parties", the FIH officials made it clear that they respected any legal orders. "We don't consider the court as a third party and respect the judiciary. We believe that the order of a court is not an interference," Ahmed said.

Further confirming that the World Cup would continue as scheduled, the CoA and FIH members also appreciated Odisha government's efforts for development of infrastructure and a site visit to Rourkela by the FIH and CoA is planned for September 7 followed by the official draw for the tournament in Bhubaneswar on September 8.

The World Cup is to be jointly hosted by Bhubaneswar-Rourkela from January 13-29, 2023.

"We are thankful for this visit by the FIH delegation. The interaction was extremely positive and encouraging. We have been able to conclude and agree on some important next steps to ensure the continued smooth functioning of hockey in India keeping in mind the foremost importance of the spirit of the sport and best interest of our athletes," Justice Dave said.

As reported by *The Hindu*, the FIH delegation had met Sports Secretary Sujata Chaturvedi on Tuesday and Odisha Sports Commissioner-Cum-Secretary R. Vineel Krishna.

Bengaluru FC gets the better of Jamshedpur FC

Odisha scores six goals against NorthEast United in Guwahati

DURAND CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

A 10-man Bengaluru FC (BFC) withstood a spirited challenge from Jamshedpur FC before emerging a 2-1 winner in a Group-A league match of the Durand Cup, at the Kishore Bharati Stadium, here on Wednesday.

Sunil Chhetri and Roy Krishna found the target on either side of the halves.

Substitute Rishi scored the lone goal for Jamshedpur immediately after Bengaluru was reduced to 10 men following the ejection of defender Hira Mondal in the 60th minute.

Bengaluru, which started well, created the first scoring opportunity in the first minute of the action but midfielder Danish Farooq failed to produce the desired finish. Facing a team of spirited young boys from Jamshedpur's reserve side, BFC took some time to find its rhythm.

On target: Krishna celebrates his strike with Prabir. • DEBASISH BHADURI

The former ISL champion opened the scoring from a set-piece situation in the 23rd minute when the Indian captain Chhetri nodded home a corner from new signing Prabir Das.

The change of ends saw the arrival of BFC's prized signing Roy Krishna, who soon combined with Chhetri to produce the second goal in the 56th minute.

BFC suffered a setback after seeing its newly signed left-back Mondal collecting his second booking of the match following a rash foul on Jamshedpur midfielder Lenin Singh near the hour mark. Jamshedpur used the opportunity to pull one back as Rishi volleyed home a finely set free-kick from Vikash Singh in the 61st minute.

Jamshedpur tried hard to find the equaliser but the Bengaluru defence held strong to ensure the win.

The results:

Group A (Kolkata): Jamshedpur FC 1 (Rishi 61) lost to Bengaluru FC 2 (Sunil Chhetri 23, Roy Krishna 56).

Group D (Guwahati): North East United FC 0 lost to Odisha FC 6 (Jerry 14, 37, Nandhakumar 5, Isak 81, Mauricio 87, Thoiba 90).

LIVE TELECAST

Zimbabwe vs India: 1st ODI, Sony Six & Sony Ten 3 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.45 p.m.
Netherlands vs Pakistan: 2nd ODI, FanCode, 2.30 p.m.
KSCA Maharaja T20: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Grand Prix Badminton League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 3 p.m.
England vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 2, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Pandit appointed KKR head coach

KOLKATA

Ranji Trophy-winning coach Chandrakant Pandit will be the new head coach of Kolkata Knight Riders, the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise announced on Wednesday. The 60-year-old Pandit, a former India wicketkeeper-batter, is the first Indian to become the head coach of the team.

Thilo Kehrer joins West Ham

LONDON

West Ham announced the signing of German international defender Thilo Kehrer from Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday. Kehrer, 25, has signed a four-year contract with the Premier League club, with the option of a two-year extension, for a reported £10.1 million ($12 million). AFP

Sunrisers Hyderabad's SA franchise named 'Sunrisers Eastern Cape'

NEW DELHI

Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise revealed the name of their Cricket South Africa (CSA) T20 League franchise as 'Sunrisers Eastern Cape'. The franchise has joined four other IPL franchise owners that own a team in the CSA T20 League. These teams are MI Cape Town, Johannesburg Super Kings, Paarl Royals and Pretoria Capitals . ANI

Falcons soar against Panthers

BENGALURU

Malnad Falcons beat Mysore Panthers 6-1 in its last Group-B league, to swell its total to 15 points and all but assure a place in the Super League stage of the Grand Prix Badminton League, being played at the KBA, on Wednesday.

Late on Tuesday, Mangalore Sharks, despite losing to Bandipur Tuskers in its last league match, qualified for the Super League from Group-A by tallying 14 points.

The results: Malnad Falcons bt Mysore Panthers 6-1

[Drithi Yateesh lost to Tanya Hemanth 8-15, 15-11, 5-15; Mithun Manjunath & Pruthvi (Trump) bt B.M. Rahul & Chiranjeevi Reddy 15-12, 15-12; Shamanth Rao Kidiyoor bt Rohith Mariswamy 15-11, 15-14; Aravind Kongara & Driti lost to G. Kiran Kumar & Tanya 2-15, 8-15; Mithun & Pruthvi K.Roy & Shamanth Rao bt B.M. Rahul & Chiranjeevi & Rohith Mariswamy (Trump) 21-15].

On Tuesday: Bandipur Tuskers bt Mangalore Sharks 4-3 [Alfiya Riyaz lost to Prerana N.Shet 15-14, 11-15, 12-15; Daniel S. Farid & V. Vaibhav bt Kushal Raj & H.N. Shashank 14-15, 15-9, 15-10; Abhishek Yeligar bt G. Jayanth 15-13, 15-5; Abhishek & Apeksha Nayak (Trump) lost to Raghu Mariswamy & Vijetha Harish (Trump) 8-15, 11-15; Farid & Vaibhav & Ganesh Vittalji bt Kushal & Raghu & C. Sachin 21-15].

Bangalore Eagles to meet Kickstart for honours

BENGALURU

Bangalore Eagles edged BFC 4-2 on penalties to enter the final of the C. Puttaiah Memorial football tournament on Wednesday. The scoreline at the end of regulation time was 0-0.

In Friday's final, Eagles will take on Kickstart FC, which overcame ASC & Center FC 2-1 in the other last-four clash.

The results (semifinals): Kickstart 2 (Deepak Panth 47-OG, S. Abhishek 53) bt ASC & Center 1 (Waheng Bamni Raj Singh 88); Bangalore Eagles 0 bt BFC 0, [4-2 on penalties].

Warriors begin second leg with facile win over United

Chethan's century highlights Blasters' victory against Strikers

MAHARAJA TROPHY

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

Mysore Warriors kicked off the second leg of the Maharaja Trophy T20 Tournament on Wednesday with an emphatic six-wicket victory over Mangalore United at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here.

Chasing 172, the Warriors stayed ahead of its rivals right through to post a win with 11 balls to spare. Captain Karun Nair (47, 27b, 3x4, 3x6) and Pavan Deshpande (53 n.o., 35b, 4x4, 2x6) starred for Warriors. It was Deshpande' third half century of the tournament

Mangalore rode on an electric 35-ball 68 from Abhinav Manohar and after he perished, Mangalore could add only 11 runs in the nine ball remaining in the innings.

Mangalore also received a handy contribution from Nikin Jose, who made a 47-ball 55. Warriors' left-arm spinner Shubhang Hegde finished wicketless, but conceded just 19 runs in his four overs.

The finisher: Deshpande's unbeaten half-century took Warriors home. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In another outing, L.R. Chethan (105, 55b, 8x4, 6x6) powered Bengaluru Blasters to a facile win over Shivamogga Strikers.

Chethan's rapid century took Bengaluru to 191 for six. Bengaluru pacer T. Pradeep then scalped four wickets to restrict Shivamogga to 166 for eight.

The scores:

Mangalore United 171/7 in 20 overs (Nikin Jose 55, Abhinav Manohar 68) lost to Mysore Warriors 172/4 in 18.1 overs (Nihal Ullal 25, Pavan Deshpande 53 n.o., Karun Nair 47) by six wickets. **MoM:** Deshpande

Bengaluru Blasters 191/6 in 20 overs (L.R. Chethan 105, Aniruddha Joshi 54) bt Shivamogga Strikers 166/8 in 20 overs (Rohan Kadam 67, K.V. Siddharth 25, T. Pradeep 4/28) by 25 runs. **MoM:** Chethan.

'I don't compare captains'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Wednesday said that captains should be given a free hand to lead the team in their own style.

Ganguly, who is also the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president, said he never compared captains.

"M.S. Dhoni handled the transition fantastically and then came Virat Kohli, who did things differently.

"Rohit Sharma takes things in a very calm and cautious way and not someone who's into your face all the time," said Ganguly.

"Every individual is different but what matters is the result and how many wins and losses you have.

"I don't compare captains. Everybody has his own way of leadership.

"We give responsibility to someone, then we want him to do the things the way we want it. I think that's not correct. So when you back someone, let him captain, give him a bit of time to give results and then see what happens."

Ravi Dahiya to train abroad ahead of Worlds

WRESTLING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Olympic silver medallist Ravi Kumar Dahiya will train in Russian wrestling hub Vladikavkaz ahead of the World Championships, scheduled to be held in Belgrade next month.

The 24-year-old will be accompanied by his coach Arun Kumar, sparring partner Sahil and physiotherapist Dr. Munish Kumar during the 29-day camp, entirely funded by the Union Sports Ministry under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), said a statement on Wednesday.

Dahiya. • FILE PHOTO

Dahiya, also a Worlds bronze medallist, was sanctioned a special training camp in Bulgaria besides competitive exposure in Bulgaria, Turkey and Mongolia prior to the Commonwealth Games.

He landed a gold medal in 57kg at the Games.

Indians bag four bronze medals

SPORTS BUREAU

Four Indian wrestlers, Abhishek Dhaka (57kg), Sujeet Kumar (65kg), Mulayam Yadav (70kg) and Niraj (97kg), bagged bronze medals in men's freestyle competitions at the World under-20 wrestling championships in Sofia.

Mahendra Gaikwad (125kg) ensured another medal by reaching the title round. Mohit Kumar (61kg) and Sagar Jaglan (74kg) will fight for bronze medals.

Riske-Amritraj headlines entry list

The event in the city will run from Sept. 12 to 18

CHENNAI OPEN

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

Alison Riske-Amritraj leads the singles entry list for the inaugural Chennai Open WTA 250 event, to be held from September 12 to 18.

The WTA, on Wednesday, released the list of 21 names to have been granted entry into the singles main draw. The rest of the 11 entries for the main draw will be filled with four wildcards, six qualifiers and one special exempt.

Four wild cards

The qualifying draw of 24 players consists of 20 direct acceptances and four wild cards.

Riske-Amritraj, 32 and from the United States, is ranked 29 in the world and has won three WTA titles. Her best run at a Major came at the 2019 Wimbledon, where she reached the quarterfinals, taking out the then No. 1 seed Ash Barty.

She has ties to India through her marriage to Stephen Amritraj, son of former India tennis player and Davis Cup captain Anand Amritraj.

Top draw: Riske-Amritraj has won three WTA titles and will be the star attraction in Chennai. • AFP

Other promising players include Magda Linette, who ousted the fancied Ons Jabeur in the first round of the French Open

Vijay Amritraj, president of Tamil Nadu Tennis Association said, "In the first-ever WTA event to be held in Chennai we have an inspiring field. The top three players have impressive performances to their credit. Alison, who is making an impressive comeback, is leading the field followed by Elise Mertens of Belgium, a semi-finalist at the Australian Open in 2018 and doubles winner with (Aryna) Sabalenka at the Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2021.

"Caroline Garcia of France has been a singles quarterfinalist and doubles Champion at the French Open (2016 and 2022). With a women's event being held in Chennai for the very first time, it looks to me that the Chennai Open will be an exciting affair."

Harshjeet stuns the field, emerges leader

Reigning champion Prabagaran of Sri Lanka cards 82 to be placed T-121

GOLF

RAYAN ROZARIO
COIMBATORE

Greater Noida's Arjun Sharma struck a five-under 67 to emerge the leader at the start. Hours later, Delhi's Harshjeet Singh Sethie came up with an even impressive six-under 66 to take the top spot after the first round of the Tata Steel PGTI Players Championship, presented by KGiSL, at the par-72 Coimbatore Golf Club course here on Wednesday.

Arjun did not expect Shamim Khan (Delhi) and rookie Raunil Kukar (Bengaluru) to follow it up with a five-under as well on this windy course. Even as the three were breathing easy, Harshjeet quietly returned home with a stunning six-under to steal the thunder.

On song: Harshjeet came up with seven birdies to take the lead after the first round on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Wind factor

The 20-year-old Harshjeet teed off in the afternoon and the wind normally picks up pace during that time. But the Delhi youngster, playing only his second season as a professional, opened the round with a birdie on the 10th before dropping bogeys on the next two holes with three-putts.

He was not deterred as he came up with seven birdies, including a chip-in on the 14th and an up and down from the bunker on the 15th.

"My iron play was great today and, I hit most greens. I enjoying playing at this course because it gives me the feelings of a links course," said Harshjeet.

Best among locals

Coimbatore-based professional Sidhartha Sharathram shot an 80 to be the best-placed among the local golfers at tied 109th.

Reigning champion K. Prabagaran of Sri Lanka carded 82 to be placed tied 121st. "The professional golfing standards have gone up and the conditions were player friendly today," said CGC president R. Gopinath.

Gokulam's women's squad stranded in Tashkent

The team is in Uzbekistan to take part in the AFC Club championship

P. K. AJITH KUMAR
KOZHIKODE

Gokulam Kerala, which has been disqualified from the AFC Women's Club championship in Uzbekistan, could remain in that country for another 48 hours.

The club has sought the intervention of the Prime Minister. The Sports Ministry too has written to Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and world governing body FIFA, requesting Gokulam be allowed to compete in the tournament, which kicks off at Qarshi on August 20.

The team had already reached the Uzbekistan capital of Tashkent on its way to Qarshi, when it was intimated that AFC had sent a letter to the All India Football Federation stating that Gokulam was ineligible to take part. FIFA has banned the AIFF 'for undue influence from third parties.'

Gokulam's disqualification is the first major aftereffect of FIFA's ban. In the letter to the Prime Minister, Gokulam CEO Ashok Kumar said that the team was stranded in Tashkent.

"Our first match against Iran is scheduled on 23rd August 2022," the letter said. "To take part in the prestigious AFC Women's Club Championship, we trained for 60 days since June 18 and reached Tashkent on August 16.... Our club's women's football team consisting of 23 players with an average age of 21 got grounded at Tashkent with disappointment coupled with distress as our preparation, both mentally and physically, went awry.

"It may please be seen that our women players and the club has been declared ineligible to participate in the AFC Women's Club Championship 2022 for no fault of ours."

Gokulam's president V.C. Praveen sounded hopeful when *The Hindu* contacted him. "The AFC has allowed the team to stay in Uzbekistan for another 48 hours," he said over the phone. "We are still hopeful of solving the issue."

In limbo: Gokulam Kerala's women's team in Uzbekistan. • TWITTER

Fresh dates for Asian Para Games

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The Asian Para Games, which were postponed due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic in China, will now be held from October 22 to 28 next year in Hangzhou, the organisers announced on Wednesday.

The prestigious event was scheduled to take place from October 9 to 15 in Hangzhou this year but was suspended in May due to rising cases of the disease in China.

Sports Authority of India-A wins 35-0

HOCKEY

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Sports Authority of India (SAI)'s A team steamrolled a hapless Mumbai School Sports Association 35-0 with Kajal scoring eight goals and Sunelita Toppo adding seven in a Pool A game, as most matches on day two of the Khelo India Women's Hockey League Under-16 Phase-I tournament continued to be one-sided.

While the margin of victory in the other Pool A games remained restricted to single figures, it was a different story in Pool B with three of the four games registering big scores. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy thrashed Anantapur Hockey Academy 28-1, Mandala Vaishnavi the sole scorer for the loser.

The results:

Pool A: SAI-A 35 (Kajal 8, Sunelita Toppo 7, Binati Minz 5, Jyoti Xaxa 5, Karuna Minz 4, Tanisha Ekka 3, Vanshika Sharma 2, Lal Tlanchhungi) bt Mumbai School SA 0.

Smart HA, Raipur 4 (Neeshu Vihan, Navdeep Kaur, Kudrat, Sarneet) bt Bhai Behlo HA, Bhagta 0.

Ghumanhera Riser's Academy 10 (Nisha 5, Pooja 2, Deepika, Sunaina, Preeti) bt Citizen Hockey XI 0.

Pritam Siwach HA, Sonepat 7 (Sakshi Rana 5, Riya, Bhavya) bt Sports Hostel, Bhubaneswar 0.

Pool B: SAI-B 11 (Mutum Priya Devi 5, Sukarmani Munda 2, Lalpeksangbam, Shanti Horo, Akanksha Pal, Sisliya Sandi Purty) bt Salute HA 2 (Divya, Annu).

Madhya Pradesh HA 28 (Sujata Jayant 6, Mitali Sharma 6, Krishna Sharma 4, Kajal Pundir 4, Radhika Dandotiya 3, Zainab Khursheed 2, Tanvi 2, Khushi Pundir) bt Anantapur HA 1 (Mandala Vaishnavi); Har HA 21 (Pooja 5, Shashi Khasa 4, Kirti 3, Seema 2, Meenakshi 2, Sania, Mahima Rajliwal, Aditi, Deeksha, Neeshu) bt Delhi Hockey 0; Odisha Naval Tata HPC 8 (Anushka Bhawre 4, Payal Sonkar 2, Pragya Patel, Neharika Toppo) bt SAG Academy 1 (Taral Shivrajbhai).

RACING

Domingo primed to deliver in feature

BENGALURU: Domingo, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Justice P. Medapa Memorial Cup (Div. I), (1,400m), the main event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Aug 18). False rails will be declared on the race day.

1 BOLD GESTURE STAKES (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Sling Shot (8) G. Vivek 60.5, 2. The Omega Man (3) B. Nayak 59.5, 3. Red Lucifer (10) L.A. Rozario 59, 4. Southernaristocrat (1) J.H. Arul 59, 5. Fierce Fighter (6) T.S. Jodha 58.5, 6. He's The One (4) Vinod Shinde 58.5, 7. Commandpost (5) Kiran Rai 58, 8. Areca Angel (7) B. Harish 57.5, 9. Osifbisa (11) Vaibhav 57.5, 10. Immortal Guest (2) R. Ravi 57 and 11. Sand Castles (9) Vivek 54.

1. SLING SHOT, 2. THE OMEGA MAN, 3. SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT

2 BASQUE STAKES (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Benediction (8) G. Vivek 60, 2. Ocean Dunes (7) S. John 60, 3. Belvedere (6) Rayan 59.5, 4. Striking Point (5) S. Saqlain 58.5, 5. Altair (1) Arvind K 56.5, 6. Rule Of Law (3) Kiran Rai 55.5, 7. Amazing Luck (4) Saddam H 53.5 and 8. Sky Princess (2) Nazerul 53.

1. STRIKING POINT, 2. OCEAN DUNES, 3. BENEDICTION

3 JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Siege Courageous (4) Srinath 56, 2. Splendido (5) Sandesh 56, 3. Xiomara (2) Rayan 56, 4. Bellissimo (6) G. Vivek 54.5, 5. Golden Starlet (7) B. Harish 54.5, 6. Holy Wish (3) Hasib A 54.5, 7. Stormwatch (8) Hindu S 54.5 and 8. The Sound Of Music (1) Siddaraju 54.5.

1. SPLENDIDO, 2. SIEGE COURAGEOUS, 3. STORMWATCH

4 KUNIGAL STUD STAKES (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Colonel Harty (2) Salman K 60, 2. Peyo (6) Suraj 60, 3. Ruling Goddess (-) (-) 60, 4. Extraordinary (1) Arvind K 55, 5. In A Breeze (7) L.A. Rozario 55, 6. Peluche (3) Hindu S 54.5, 7. Douglas (4) Trevor 54 and 8. Millbrook (5) Hasib K 52.5.

1. DOUGLAS, 2. PEYO

5 JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I), (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Bruce Almighty (2) T.S. Jodha 56, 2. Domingo (7) Zervan 56, 3. Royal Grant (5) Kiran Rai 56, 4. Rubirosa (8) Hindu S 56, 5. Serdar (6) Srinath 56, 6. Super Veloce (3) Nazerul 56, 7. Angel Bliss (1) Vinod Shinde 54.5 and 8. Kulsum (4) Trevor 54.5.

1. DOMINGO, 2. KULSUM, 3. SERDAR

6 QUASAR STAKES (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Starry Wind (8) Md. Akram 62.5, 2. La Reina (6) Sandesh 60, 3. Star Comet (7) Srinath 59.5, 4. Tranquilo (3) S. John 59, 5. Another Rainbow (5) G. Vivek 57, 6. Born King (1) Suraj 55, 7. Peridot (2) Hindu S 55 and 8. Moving Ahead (4) Nazerul 54.5.

1. LA REINA, 2. PERIDOT, 3. TRANQUILO

7 BASQUE STAKES (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Perfect Rendition (6) Hasib A 62.5, 2. Lagopus (5) R. Pradeep 60.5, 3. Divine Blessings (4) S. John 60, 4. Flying Quest (3) M. Prabhakaran 59, 5. Mark One (1) S. Saqlain 59, 6. Debonair (8) Saddam H 58, 7. Casey (2) G. Vivek 57.5 and 8. Gold Gray (7) Siddaraju.

1. DIVINE BLESSINGS, 2. MARK ONE, 3. CASEY

8 BOLD GESTURE STAKES (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-30: 1. Able One (2) B.L. Paswan 62.5, 2. Southern Warrior (6) T.S. Jodha 62.5, 3. Super Ruffian (11) S. John 62.5, 4. Rudram (9) Nazerul 62, 5. Speed Seven (7) Likith 62, 6. Ooh La La (1) Chandrashekar 61.5, 7. Flower Of Paradise (5) Adarsh 61, 8. Divine Masculine (3) Kiran Rai 60.5, 9. Turkoman (8) Salman K 60.5, 10. Don's Den (4) G. Vivek 59 and 11. Mega Success (10) Arvind K 59.

1. SPEED SEVEN, 2. SUPER RUFFIAN, 3. TURKOMAN

Day's best: **LA REINA**

Double: **SPLENDIDO – DOUGLAS**

Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

ICC condoles Chaudhary's death

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI

The International Cricket Council on Wednesday condoled the death of former BCCI secretary and ICC director Amitabh Chaudhary.

Chaudhary died of a heart attack on Tuesday morning. He was 62.

"It is sad to hear of the passing of Amitabh Chaudhary. On behalf of the ICC, I extend my deepest condolences to our colleagues at the BCCI as well as his family and friends," ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice said in a release.

Chaudhary played a major role in building one of the finest cricket stadiums in Ranchi and was instrumental in bringing international cricket to the industrial town.